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ALBION, INDIANA

2003

The News-Sun, Tues., Jan. 2, 2001,

Mae McNickle

KENDALLVILLE — Mae O. McNickle, 74, died Sunday, Dec. 31, 2000, at 6:28 p.m. at Parkview Noble hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. McNickle

She was born Feb. 16, 1926, in Hot Springs, Va., to Warick and Florence Burns. She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church, Kendallville.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Brad K. McNickle of Sanford, N.C., Gary G. and Cindi McNickle of Stroh and Michael J. and Janet McNickle of Laurenberg, N.C.; five sisters, Jane Lipscomb of Battle Creek, Mich., Abby Thurman of Hixon, Tenn., Alice Ewyk of Ellenton, Fla., Clarice Armstrong of McDowell, Va., and Rennie Robinson of Hot Springs, Va.; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James McNickle, Feb. 6, 1982.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. James Toole officiating. Burial will be at California Corners Cemetery, Montgomery, Mich.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Faith United Methodist Church.

LeRoy Oliver

ROME CITY — LeRoy Oliver, 72, of Rome City, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2000, at 1:50 p.m. in Oak Leaf Village, Ligonier. He had been ill one year.

He retired in 1990 from Kendallville Iron & Metal. He had previously worked at Lane Foundry and Kendallville Foundry. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, discharged in 1957. He had lived in Rome City for 16 years, moving there from Wolcottville.

He was born in Green Center Sept. 22, 1928, to John and Florence (Rhodes) Oliver. On Aug. 10, 1956, in Albion, he married Sharon Frain, who survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, John and Lorie Oliver and Ron and Jeannene Oliver, all of Pierceton, and Tom and Jackie Oliver of Brimfield; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services are 1 p.m. Wednesday at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Lee Combs of Community Baptist Church, Wolcottville, officiating. Burial will be at Osborn Cemetery, LaGrange County.

Calling is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Glema Resler

WAWAKA — Glema L. Resler died this morning, Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2001, at her daughter's home at Oliver Lake.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

James McCosh

GARRETT — James A. McCosh, 33, of Garrett, died at 1:28 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, 2000, in Fort Wayne.

In Auburn on June 30, 1967, he was born to James A. and Susan Louise McCosh Sr., who survive. He married Jammie Whan on June 15, 2000. She survives.

He worked construction and resided in Garrett for two years.

Surviving in addition to his parents, James A. McCosh Sr., Waterloo, and Susan Louise (McCosh) Musser of Edon, Ohio, and his wife, are a daughter, Rhiannon G. McCosh; two brothers, Jody L. McCosh and Jason K. McCosh; a sister, Angie Marie Bolton; two stepsons, Travis C. Lyons and Kyle A. Whan; and a stepdaughter, Katlyn R. Lyons.

A brother, David James McCosh, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2001, at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett with the Rev. Noel Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Rhiannon G. McCosh.

We sincerely appreciate all your cards, flowers, support and love extended to us during the illness and passing of Kenneth Forker. Thanks to Pastor Ann Marshall, Ladies of St. Marks Lutheran Church, American Legion Post 246 and the Masonic Brothers.

Lucille Forker, Bill & Jane Forker & Family,
Paul & Betty Brumbaugh & Family

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The following obituary is being reprinted to correct information provided to The News-Sun.

Dean Robinson

KENDALLVILLE — Dean O. Robinson, 75, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2000, at 7:15 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

He retired in 1981 as a vice president of Newnam Foundry, Kendallville. He was a past board member of the National Foundry Association and a past Kendallville city councilman. He was a lifetime member of Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville. He was a graduate of Huntington High School and Indiana University.

He was born Nov. 3, 1925, in Huntington to Oosterling and Sara (Hoffman) Robinson. On Dec. 3, 1950, in Huntington he married Norma Bowman, who survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Aimee and Rolf Daniel of Fort Wayne and Beth and Brad DeHoff of Indianapolis; a brother, Wally Robinson of Seattle, Wash.; four grandsons, Nathan Daniel of Fort Wayne and Brandon, Ryan and Kyle DeHoff, all of Indianapolis; and a granddaughter, Kristin Daniel of Fort Wayne.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice or Trinity Church United Methodist.

Mildred Lung

AUBURN — Mildred M. Lung, 75, died Monday, Jan. 1, 2000, at 6:25 a.m. in Byron Health Center, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Lung had been a resident of Wesley Park Apartments in Auburn. She worked as a Watkins distributor in Auburn from 1956 to 1990.

She was a member of the Indian Village Church of God and the Heimach Center.

She was born Dec. 24, 1925, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Roy and Beulah (Davis) Marlow.

She married Robert Walter in 1946 in Spencerville. He died in 1949.

She married Kenneth M. Lung on Oct. 29, 1950, in Garrett. He died March 8, 1982.

Surviving are two sons, Verlin Lung of Kendallville and Lanny Lung of Flag Pond, Tenn.; three daughters Carol Pearsall of New Orleans, La., Karen Bitner of Connersville, Pa., and Peggy Miller of Huntertown; a stepdaughter, Nancy Boger of Auburn; eight grandchildren, 14 stepgrandchildren, five great-grandchildren and six step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Larry Allen Lung; a stepson, Nelson Lung; a brother, a half-brother and two stepgrandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 9 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Dale Williams will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling is today from 4-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the St. Mary's Soup Kitchen.

Delores Rodman

CORUNNA — Delores Tucker Rodman, 56, of Corunna, died Monday, Jan. 1, 2001, at 7:30 a.m. in her home.

She had been in declining health for three years and had been seriously ill for the past 13 months.

Mrs. Rodman was a former resident of Churubusco. She was employed for 20 years at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne. She later worked as a bartender at American Legion Post 157 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Turtle Post 3846, both in Churubusco. She was a member of the Churubusco VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

She was born Feb. 25, 1944, in Churubusco to Harvey L. and Hazel Johnson Gray.

She married Harold R. Tucker in 1959. He died unexpectedly on Dec. 10, 1986.

She was a lifelong resident of Churubusco until she moved to Corunna after her marriage on April 17, 1992, to Kenneth J. Rodman. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Michael Tucker of Corunna; two daughters and a son-in-law, Cindy and Allen Hovis of Hamilton and Brenda Tucker Bills of Churubusco; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Charles and Jean Gray of Portland, Everett Gray of Churubusco and Phillip Gray of South Carolina; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco. The Rev. James M. Archambeault, pastor of Kendallville First United Pentecostal Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is today from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Marvin Morgan

ALBION — Marvin Morgan, 78, died at 4:50 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, 2000, at Southwest Florida Regional Medical Center, Fort Myers, Fla.

He was a tool engineer for American Hoist, and was a carpenter. He lived in Albion from 1952 until 1993, when he moved to Alva, Fla. He was a member of New Covenant Worship Center, Athens, Ga.; Calvary Temple, Fort Wayne; and American Legion Post 246, Albion. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy in World War II. He served as the vice president of the Battle of Ormoc Bay Association from 1989-1991, and as its president from 1991-1995.

He was born June 12, 1922, in Orange County to Lester and Gladys R. (Moon) Morgan. In Galveston, Ind., on March 30, 1946, he married Greta Goodier, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Gary Morgan of Choctaw, Okla., and Dick Morgan of Syracuse; three daughters, Vonna O'Neill of Morristown, N.J., Darla Steeh of New Haven, Mich., and Jan Ison of Shelby, N.C.; 19 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Asbury United Methodist Church, Albion, with the Revs. Howard Conine and Paul C. Paino officiating. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion, with military graveside services by American Legion Post 246.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and at the church one hour before services Friday.

Memorials are to New Covenant Worship Center, Athens, Ga., or Calvary Temple, Fort Wayne.

George Payton Sr.

GARRETT — George R. Payton Sr., 75, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2000, at 9:45 a.m. in his home at Garrett.

Mr. Payton lived in Garrett for 55 years. He worked as a quality control operator at Newnam Manufacturing in Kendallville. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of American Legion Post 178 in Garrett.

He was born Feb. 15, 1925, in Mitchell, Ind., to James E. and Elsie (Cooper) Payton.

He married Minnie Custer on Dec. 4, 1943, in Garrett. She preceded him in death

Surviving are two daughters, Marilyn Helmick of Garrett and Jama Campbell of Avilla; two sons, George "Bob" Payton Jr. of Garrett and Kim Payton of Albion; five brothers, Donald and Thomas, both of Tavares, Fla., Charles of Davison, Mich., Ronald of Birmingham, Ala., and Larry of McCulla, Ala.; eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, 13 stepgrandchildren, 14 stepgreat-grandchildren and one stepgreat-great-grandchild.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. Pastor Lane Andrews will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery with military graveside services.

Calling is Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

The News-Sun, Wed., Jan. 3, 2001

onas Otto

MILLERSBURG — Jonas S. tto, 65, of Millersburg died at 7:12 m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2001, at Goshen General Hospital where he had been a patient for one day.

Mr. Otto

He was born Sept. 23, 1935, in Arthur, Ill. to Silvanus D. and Lydia (Stutzman) Otto. Mr. Otto spent most of s life in this area.

On Nov. 18, 1956, he married eulah N. Schmucker in Goshen. ıe died Nov. 29, 1998. He married leanor (Detweiler) Hawks on Feb. 2, 2000, in Goshen. She survives.

He worked for Carriage Inc. for 3 years, and since 1993 did Amish xi work. He was also on the illersburg Volunteer Fire Department for several years.

He was a member of Burr Oak hurch, Ligonier.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters and sons-in-w, Clara "Jean" and Scott Shannon d JoAnn and Alfred Stickler Jr. of illersburg; four sisters, Edna Kime Sarasota, Fla., Esther Hershberger Humboldt, Ill., Mary Ann Schrock Sullivan, Ill., and Martha Plank of rthur, Ill; one brother, Harvey Otto Sarasota, Fla.; and four grandchilen.

One son, Garold Wayne Otto, ed in 1965.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at e Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in oshen, with the Rev. Mark Burrit d the Rev. Robert Shreiner officiing. Burial is at Grace Lawn emetery, Middlebury.

Visitation is 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday d 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at e funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Burr ak Church.

Mardell Schwab

LIGONIER — Mardell L. Schwab, 92, of Ligonier, died at 7:15 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, 2000, at Oak Leaf Village in Ligonier.

She was born April 14, 1907, in Cromwell to Harry and Goldie (Brown) Mayfield.

On May 29, 1939, she married Ralph A. Schwab in Ligonier. He died in 1963.

She was a retired waitress and cook in Ligonier and a member of the Ligonier United Methodist Church and the Huntington Women of Moose No. 255. She was past president of West Noble American Legion Auxiliary No. 243, a charter member of Syracuse V.F.W. Post 1342 Auxiliary, and a member of the Ligonier Eagles No. 1763 Auxiliary.

She is survived by a daughter, Susie Q. Parkerson of Indianapolis; a granddaughter, Patricia Scott; a great-granddaughter, Alyssa Scott; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Services are Friday at 10 a.m. at the Orr Funeral Home with the Rev. Jim Farrer officiating. Burial is at Oak Park Cemetery.

Visitation is 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Ligonier United Methodist Church.

Crystal Sears

FUQUAY-VARINA, N.C. — Crystal Sears, 85, of Fuquay-Varina, N.C., and formerly of LaGrange, died in her home on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2001, from a rare form of cancer.

She was born Sarah Crystal Covalt in Sims, Ind., on March 10, 1915. She married Glendon A. Sears of LaGrange. He died in 1982.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Molly of Holly Springs, N.C., and David and Marti of Apex, N.C.; a sister, Ruth Bramblet of Naples, Fla.; five grandchildren, Richard Sears II of Beloit, Wisc., Mark Sears of Salinas, Calif., Kristen (Sears) Buskirk of Fuquay-Varina, David Sears Jr. of Cary, N.C., and Christina (Sears) Etter of Ann Arbor, Mich.; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at the LaGrange United Methodist Church Saturday at 10 a.m. Graveside services will be at Brookside Cemetery in Lapel on Saturday at 3 p.m.

Visitation is at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, on Friday from 3 to 7 p.m.

A memorial service will be held at the Fuquay-Varina United Methodist Church at a later date.

Preferred memorials are to The Hospice of Wake County, Inc., 1300 Saint Mary's St., fourth floor, Raleigh, N.C. 27605.

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Glema Resler

WAWAKA — Glema L. Resler, 76, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2001, at 4:30 a.m. at the home of her daughter, Anita L. Wilson of Oliver Lake in LaGrange County.

She was born Oct. 21, 1924, in Kendallville to Merle and Ruth (Rhea) Lauer. She married Virgil "Jack" Resler on May 14, 1943, in Wawaka. He survives.

Mrs. Resler was a 1943 graduate of Rome City High School. She had been employed by Wolcottville IGA and also at Pent Electric in Wolcottville.

She was a member of Brimfield United Methodist Church and the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 381 in Rome City.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, James and Debra Resler of Los Angeles; three daughters and sons-in-law, Anita and Paul Wilson of LaGrange, Kaye and Tom Schnurr of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Jean and Charles "Pete" Price of Wolcottville; a brother and sister-in-law, Philip and Mabel Lauer of Phoenix; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Brimfield United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Mike Neff officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Visitation is Friday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville and one hour before services Saturday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to Brimfield United Methodist Church.

Wade Cooper

KENDALLVILLE — Wade Cooper, 79, died at 8:50 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2001, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was born Sept. 13, 1921, in Charleston, W. Va., to Bayless and Mary (Nelson) Cooper. He married Joan Miller on May 29, 1975, in Syracuse. She survives.

Mr. Cooper, who had been in failing health for three years, was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during WWII and a member of Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville. He was retired from Sea Nymph Boat Co. in Syracuse and had worked at Essex Wire of Ligonier.

He is survived by his wife, Joan Cooper of Kendallville; six sons and three daughters-in-law, Dale and Mickey Cooper of Rome City, Jim Cooper of Albion, Jack Cooper of Cromwell, Mike Cooper of Ligonier, Larry and April Steel of Kendallville, and Robert and Sandra Hammond of Galion, Ohio; two daughters, Mary Harris of Ligonier and Bonnie Coleman of Auburn; 25 grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, two sisters, one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

Services are Friday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery

Visitation will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice.

Gloria Rhodes

GOSHEN — Gloria J. Rhodes, 56, died Sunday, Dec. 31, 2000, at 11:09 a.m. at Goshen General Hospital.

She was born June 23, 1944, in Blakely, W. Va., to Robert and Virgie (Withrow) Burnette. On Jan. 8, 1981, she married Reuben Rhodes in Conneaut, Ohio. He preceded her in death in January 1993.

She was a homemaker and a member of Trinity Assembly of God in Ligonier. She liked to read and write poetry.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Monica and Dennis DeWalt of Churubusco; a son and daughter-in-law, Carl and Christina Burnette of Cromwell; a sister, Doris Wilson of Conneaut; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, her parents, and a stepfather, Thurman Mullins.

Services are Thursday at Trinity Assembly of God Church in Ligonier at 7 p.m., with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church. The Rev. William Parks will officiate.

Services will also be held in Conneaut, Ohio, at the Conneaut Church of God on Saturday at 11 a.m. with visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Memory Gardens at Kingsville, Ohio.

Preferred memorials are to Trinity Assembly of God Church in Ligonier.

Orr Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Marilyn McClanahan

ALBION — Marilyn McClanahan, 67, died at 2:45 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2001, in her home after a 10-month illness.

She was born Marilyn S. Moore in Fort Wayne on June 9, 1933. Her parents were Paul and Ester (May) Moore. Both preceded her in death.

She is a graduate of East Union High School.

On March 22, 1952, she married Arthur T. McClanahan in Jacksonville, N.C.

Mrs. McClanahan was a member of Berean Baptist Church. She retired from Silgan of Ligonier.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three sons, Douglas A. McClanahan and Richard O. McClanahan of Ligonier, and Robert S. McClanahan of Montrose, Colo.; one daughter, Susan R. Myers of LaGrange; and seven grandchildren, Amy Schlemmer, Kelli McClanahan, Seth, Sean and Jason Myers, and Kari and Cody McClanahan; and a sister, Marge Jeffrey of Hockley, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Elizabeth McClanahan; and a brother, Richard Moore.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Berean Baptist Church with Doug Keenan officiating. Burial will be at Merriam Chapel.

Visitation is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and an hour prior to services at the church on Saturday.

Preferred memorials are to Berean Baptist Church or the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge.

The News-Sun, Thurs., Jan. 4, 2001

Sona Whalen

KENDALLVILLE — Sona L. Whalen, 59, died at 6:05 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, 2001, at her residence.

Services are 1 p.m. Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home. Visitation is Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Wilma Combs

ROME CITY — Wilma E. Combs, 77, of Rome City, died at 7:45 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2001, at Parkview Noble hospital in Kendallville.

She was born March 1, 1923, in Roanoke, to Clyde and Belvia (Martin) Adams.

She first married Robert Finton, who died in 1968. She then married LeRoy Combs on Oct. 8, 1985, in LaGrange. He survives.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, Mike Finton of Westminster, Colo., three brothers, Don Adams of New Haven and Morris and Ellis Adams, both of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Bernice Buckel of Fort Wayne and Delores Byall of Columbia City; a stepson, Ronnie Combs of Michigan; and two grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Jeff Farnham officiating. Graveside services will be held at Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery Chapel at 1 p.m.

Visitation is today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association.

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He is survived by his wife, Joan Cooper of Kendallville; four sons and a daughter-in-law, Dale and Mickey Cooper of Rome City, Jim Cooper of Albion, Jack Cooper of Cromwell, and Mike Cooper of Ligonier; a stepson and daughter-in-law, Larry and April Steel of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra and Robert Hammond of Galion, Ohio, and Mary and Gary Harris of Ligonier; a stepdaughter, Bonnie Coleman of Auburn; 25 grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, two sisters, one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

Services are Friday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, with the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Visitation will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice.

Anna Busser

LIGONIER — Anna Busser, 89, died at 7:55 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2001, at Oak Leaf Village — Ligonier where she had been a resident for almost eight years.

She was born April 15, 1911, in Albach, Germany, to Karl Friederich and Anna Apollonia (Helling) Bar.

She first married Hermann Gebhardt, who died in 1985. She then married Alois Busser, who died in 1991.

She has been a resident of Noble County since coming to live with her daughter in 1991. She was a homemaker and enjoyed riding her bicycle.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Inge and Larry Baker of Kimmell; two grandsons, Tim Miller and Tony Miller; and two great-grandchildren, Chelsea Miller and Philip Miller.

In addition to her husbands, she was preceded in death by a brother.

Graveside services are Saturday at 1 p.m. at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell. The Rev. Jim Farrer will officiate.

Calling is Saturday from noon to 12:45 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home.

Preferred memorials are to Oak Leaf Village.

The News-Sun, Fri., Jan. 5, 2001,

Deaths/Funerals

Sona Whalen

KENDALLVILLE — Sona L. Whalen, 59, died at 6:05 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, 2001, at her residence. She had been ill for three years.

She was born June 24, 1941, in Three Rivers, Mich., to George Poff and Helen (Kistler) Wiles. Her mother survives in Kendallville.

She lived in Kendallville for 30 years, coming from Ligonier. She was a homemaker, and a member of South Milford Church of Christ and the Kendallville Eagles Auxiliary.

She is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Randy J. and Tammy Dodson of Albion; Richard E. and Rachelle Haslett Jr. of Kendallville; and Sterling R. and Jillaine Bastin of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Kimberly S. and David Ramer of Kendallville; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Violet June Birch of Ligonier.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Carol Sue Cook.

Services are 1 p.m. Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Michael Booher of South Milford Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

William 'Bud' Meade

KENDALLVILLE — William E. "Bud" Meade, 55, died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2001, at 2:30 a.m. at home. He had been in failing health about four months.

He was retired due to a disability from Lane Foundry, Kendallville. He was a member of the Church of the True God, South Milford.

He was born July 26, 1945, in Weeksbury, Ky., to Astor and Ruby (Spriggs) Meade. His father preceded him in death, and his mother survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are his former wife, Diann Fisher of Albion; a daughter and son-in-law, Jamie and Larry Bolen of Rome City; a son, Jason Meade of Albion; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and Hugh Tuttle and JoAnn and David Goodman, all of LaGrange, and Lou Rena and Eugene Shepherd of Kendallville; a brother, David "Doc" Meade of Kendallville; two grandsons, Austin and Skyler Bolen of Rome City; and a granddaughter, Kaylee Bolen of Rome City.

Also preceding him in death were a brother and two nephews.

Services are 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Bethel Christian Baptist Church, Kendallville. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery, Brimfield.

Calling is today after 3 p.m. at the church.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Grace Renz

MUNCIE — Grace E. (Downing) Renz, 77, of Muncie, died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2001, at the home of her daughter after a short illness.

She was born in Hopedale, Ohio, and grew up in Avilla and in Ohio. She graduated from Worthington (Ohio) High School in 1939. She met and married her husband of 42 years, Wilbur, in Sturgis, Mich., before moving to Delaware County. Before retiring she worked at Ball State University for over 15 years. She was a member of Gethsemane United Methodist Church, Muncie. She was an avid golfer and bowler.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Steve and Marlene of Holland, Mich., and David and Carol of Gull Lake, Mich.; a daughter and son-in-law, Sue and John Brooke of Albany, Ind.; two sisters, Dortha McLaughlin of Angola and Mary Dunnuck of Muncie; and seven grandchildren, Mark, Jeffery and Andrew Renz, Amanda Keckonen and Amber, Ian and Jarred Brooke.

She was preceded in death by her husband; three brothers, Harry, Jack and Vern; and a sister, Harriet.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Gethsemane Untied Methodist Church. Burial will be at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Muncie.

Calling is 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Meeks Mortuary, Muncie, or after 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Ball Memorial Hospital Hospice Services or Little Red Door of Delaware County.

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Eldon Lehman

BERNE — Eldon D. Lehman, 86, died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2001, at home.

He was born in Adams County. He worked at Felber Machine Shop for 21 years, after which he worked for Ernest Schwartz Construction for 17 years.

Surviving are his wife, Ludella; two sons, Eugene Lehman of Berne and DeWayne Lehman of Hot Springs, Ark.; two daughters, Marilyn Beachey of Three Rivers, Mich., and Waneta Hogle of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Tom Lehman of Wolcottville and Abraham Lehman of Berne; a sister, Clorinda Yoder of Berne; two half-sisters, Betty VonGunten of Decatur and Bonnie Breauchey of Berne; 13 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Bethel Brethren Church, Berne. Burial will be at Evangelical Mennonite Church Cemetery, Berne.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. today at Yager Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne, and one hour before services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to church missions or Summit Ridge Church.

The News-Sun, Sat., Jan. 6,

Larry Ort

KIMMELL — Larry J. Ort, 70, died Friday, Jan. 5, 2001, at 10 a.m., in his home. He had been ill since October.

He had lived in the Kimmell area since 1950, coming from Fort Wayne. He served in the Marine Corps during the Korean War, and was employed as a truck driver/dispatcher for Scott Freight in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Eden Community Church, the American Legion Post, North Webster, and was an avid fisherman.

Mr. Ort was born in New Haven on Dec. 22, 1930, to Lawrence and Edna (Clark) Ort. Both are deceased. He married Wilma Imagene (Barthouse), who died in 1980. He then married Betty Tackitt (Nelson) on Sept. 4, 1982, in the Broadway Church, Kimmell.

Surviving with his wife are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Jeff and Cheryl Ort of Syracuse, and Stanley Ort; two daughters and one son-in-law, Tammy and Nelson Corral, and Ricky Brickey, both of Cromwell; three step-sons and one step-daughter-in-law, Robert Tackitt of Cromwell, Ronald Tackitt of Syracuse, and Richard and Sue Tackitt of North Webster; two step daughters and one step-son-in-law, Patricia Tackitt of Cromwell, and Debra and Denny Holderman of Nappanee; two brothers, Ron Ort of Boston, and Steve Ort of Fort Wayne; one sister, Barb Weirauch of Woodburn; 14 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Harold Gingerich officiating. Burial will be in Broadway Cemetery in Kimmell, where a military graveside service will be conducted by the North Webster American Legion Post.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

The following obituary is being rerun to provide additional information.

Sona Whalen

KENDALLVILLE — Sona L. Whalen, 59, died at 6:05 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, 2001, at her residence. She had been ill for three years.

She was born June 24, 1941, in Three Rivers, Mich., to George Poff and Helen (Kistler) Wiles. Her mother survives in Kendallville.

She lived in Kendallville for 30 years, coming from Ligonier, and was last employed at Indiana Deck in Waterloo. She was a homemaker, and a member of South Milford Church of Christ and the Kendallville Eagles Auxiliary. She was divorced.

She is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Randy J. and Tammy Dodson of Albion; Richard E. and Rachelle Haslett Jr. of Kendallville; and Sterling R. and Jillaine Bastin of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Kimberly S. and David Ramer of Kendallville; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Violet June Birch of Ligonier.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Carol Sue Cook.

Services are 1 p.m. Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Michael Booher of South Milford Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Ethel Knisely

AUBURN — Ethel V. Knisely, 91, died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2001, in Ruleme Nursing Center in Eustis, Fla.

Mrs. Knisely was born in Edgerton, Ohio, and lived in Garrett from 1955 to 1978, and in Auburn from 1978 to 1997.

She retired from General Electric in 1955 after 19 years. She was a homemaker and a member of the Women's Circle at First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

She is survived by a daughter, Wanda Harkless of Leesburg, Fla.; a stepson, Rodney Knisely of Miami, Fla.; and 13 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Dennis Ambrose, in 1935, her second husband, William Knisely in 1967, and two sons, Keith and Forest Ambrose.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Faith United Church of Christ.

Robert Meroney

LIGONIER — Robert J. Meroney, 79, of Ligonier, died at 6:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, 2001, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Mr. Meroney was a farmer and had served on the Ligonier Fire Department for 17 years.

He was born Jan. 10, 1921, in Ligonier, to Floyd M. and Gertrude Rex Meroney.

On Aug. 6, 1941, he married Viva M. Huff. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Lanny Meroney, of Ligonier; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Marsha Rhodes of Fort Wayne, Carol and Paul Kehr of Granger, and Joy and Dale Friskney of Ligonier; a sister and brother-in-law, Marjorie and Max Musselman of Wawaka; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Jim Farrer officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Noble County Hospice, American Cancer Society, or Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Services Held

ALBION — Services for **Marvin Morgan** were held Friday at Asbury United Methodist Church, Albion, with the Rev. Howard Conine and the Rev. Paul Panio officiating. A military graveside service was conducted by American Legion Post 246, Albion. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Michael O'Neill, Christopher O'Neill, Joshua O'Neill, Rick Morgan, Darren Steeh, Daniel Steeh, Haiden Morgan, Gary Ray Honary and Gary Lynn Morgan Jr.

ALBION — Services for **Marilyn J. McClanahan** were held Saturday at Berean Baptist Church, Albion, with the Rev. Doug Keenan officiating. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Pallbearers were Seth Myers, Sean Myers, Glen Knisley, Ronald McClanahan, Donald McClanahan, Randy Schlemmer. Honorary pallbearers were Jason Myers, Cody McClanahan, Cainan McClanahan and Austin Schlemmer.

Fred Baral

FREMONT — Fred L. Bara
59, of Fremont, died Saturday
Jan. 6, 2001, in Ann Arbor, M

Mr. Baral was a self-emplo
plumber and owner of Fred
Baral Plumbing and Heating
Fremont. He was in the plum
ing business for 40 years.

He was a U.S. Army vetera
and a member of the Orland
American Legion and the
Fremont Moose Lodge.

Mr. Baral was born Feb. 7,
1941, in Fort Wayne, to Howa
and Ruth (Chandler) Baral.

He is survived by three so
Charles E. Baral of Angola,
Robert Lee Cayot of Fort Wa
and Dama M. Baral of Frem
a daughter, Bonnie S. Baral
Fremont; a brother, Donald
Baral of Fort Wayne; and sev
grandchildren.

Services are 7 p.m. Tuesda
at Beams Funeral Home,
Fremont.

Calling is Tuesday from 5
p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Moose
Heart (in care of the Fremon
Moose Lodge), or to the dono
choice

The News-Sun, Tues., Jan. 9, 2001,

Patrick Bruce

ORLANDO, Fla. — Patrick Eugene Bruce, 39, died Saturday, Jan. 6, 2001, in Orlando, Fla., following a brief illness.

He was born May 4, 1961, in Kendallville to J. Robert and Marcia C. Bruce.

He was a 1980 graduate of East Noble High School where he was active in theater and choir. He received a bachelor of science degree in speech communications with a minor in theater from Ball State University. Mr. Bruce made his home in Orlando pursuing one of his many dreams, which included performing at Walt Disney World.

He is survived by his father, of Kendallville; three sisters, Tina Bherns of Rome City, and Laura Spadoni and Jeana Down of Plano, Texas; four brothers, Rob and Michael Bruce of Rome City, Timothy of South Milford, and Joel of El Paso, Texas; six nieces; four nephews; and aunts, uncles, cousins and friends all over the United States.

His mother preceded him in death.

A memorial service is pending.

Preferred memorials are to the East Noble Theatre Department and the East Noble Show Choir.

Russell Foster

ALBION — Russell Foster, 87, died at 4:15 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Columbia City.

He was born Sept. 23, 1913, in Albion to John and Edna (Herendeen) Foster.

He was a lifetime resident of Noble County, retiring from farming in 1970.

He married Virginia Workman in Albion in 1934. She died Dec. 9, 1977.

He is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Sue Foster of Albion; a grandson and his wife, Kerry and Kim Foster; a granddaughter and her husband, Kelly and Mark Lundquist; four great-grandchildren, Evan and Allison Foster, and Paige and Conner Lundquist; and one brother, Bill Foster of Ligonier.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by a son, Gerry Foster, in 1952; a granddaughter, Cristi; and three sisters, Modelle Kessler, Mildred Fausnaugh and Fern Foster.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with the Rev. Terry Zolman officiating.

Visitation is Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial is in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Preferred memorials are to the cancer society.

Joyce Jump

AUBURN — Joyce M. Jump, 70, died Monday, Jan. 8, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She lived in Auburn and was retired from retail clothing sales. She was a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church and an auxiliary member of Mizpah Shrine, Scottish Rite and American Legion. She was born in Elgin, Ohio, and enjoyed bowling.

Surviving are her husband, Richard; a daughter, Debra Kimbel of Ossian; two sons, Bruce Jump of Grabill and Brian Jump of Noblesville; three brothers, Doyt and Ron Davies, both of Fort Wayne, and Ken Davies of Kendallville; and six grandchildren.

A sister, Carol Kelly, preceded her in death in 1999.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Resurrection Lutheran Church,, with calling after 9 a.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Shriner's Children's Hospital.

January 10, 2001 ALBION NEW ERA

Sona Whalen, 59

KENDALLVILLE-Sona L. Whalen, 59, died at 6:05 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, 2001, at her residence. She had been ill for three years.

She was born June 24, 1941, in Three Rivers, Mich., to George Poff and Helen (Kistler) Wiles. Her mother survives in Kendallville.

She lived in Kendallville for 30 years, coming from Ligonier, and was last employed at Indiana Deck in Waterloo. She was a homemaker, and a member of South Milford Church of Christ and the Kendallville Eagles Auxiliary. She was divorced.

She is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Randy J. and Tammy Dodson of Albion; Richard E. And Rachelle Haslett Jr. of Kendallville; and Sterling R. and Jillaine Bastin of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Kimberly S. and David Ramer of Kendallville; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Violet June Birch of Ligonier.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Carol Sue Cook.

Services were held on Monday, January 8, 2001 at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Michael Booher of South Milford Church of Christ officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

Russell Foster

ALBION - Russell Foster, 87, died at 4:15 p.m. on Sunday, January 7, 2001 at Millers Manor Nursing Home in Columbia City.

He was born on September 23, 1913 in Albion to John and Edna (Herendeen) Foster. In 1934 he married Virginia (Workman) Foster in Albion. She preceded him in death on December 9, 1977.

Surviving are one son and daughter in law Donald and Sue Foster of Albion; two grandchildren Kerry and his wife Kim Foster and Kelly and her husband Mark Lundquist; four great-grandchildren Evan and Allison Foster and Paige and Conner Lundquist all of Albion; one brother Bill Foster of Ligonier.

He was preceded in death by one son Gerry Foster in 1952 and a granddaughter Cristi Foster. Also three sisters preceded him in death: Modelle Kessler, Mildred Fausnaugh, and Fern Foster.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2001 at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion with the Rev. Terry Zolman officiating.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, January 10, 2001, from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Preferred memorials are to the Cancer Society.

Kaye Martin "Marty" Winebrenner, 68

FORT WAYNE - Kaye Martin "Marty" Winebrenner, 68, died Saturday, December 23, 2000 at the Regency Health Care.

He was born in Noble County, he was a real estate agent and broker in the Fort Wayne area. He also played professional baseball with a farm team for the St. Louis Cardinals.

Surviving are a brother, David L. of Springfield, Ohio; three sons, Mark A., Monte L. and Martin J., all of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Myra A. Craig of Fort Wayne, Mary C. Rugg of Brethren, Mich., and Lea L. Winebrenner of Augusta, Ga.; 15 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter Martha Kay in 1952 and a brother Ty Winebrenner of Albion in 2000.

Services were held on Wednesday, December 27, 2000 at C. M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home. Burial was in Merriam Chapel Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Merriam Christian Chapel Church or Heartland Hospice.

Marilyn McClanahan

ALBION — Marilyn McClanahan, 67, died at 2:45 a.m. Wednesday, January 3, 2001, in her home after a 10 month illness.

She was born Marilyn J. Moore in Fort Wayne on June 9, 1933. Her parents were Paul and Ester (May) Moore. Both preceded her in death.

She was a graduate of East Union High School.

On March 22, 1952, she married Arthur T. McClanahan in Jacksonville, N.C.

Mrs. McClanahan was a member of Berean Baptist Church. She retired from Silgan of Ligonier.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three sons, Douglas A. McClanahan and Richard O. McClanahan of Ligonier, and Robert S. McClanahan of Montrose, Colo.; one daughter, Susan R. Myers of LaGrange; and seven grandchildren, Amy Schlemmer, Kelli McClanahan, Seth, Sean and Jason Myers, and Kari and Cody McClanahan; and a sister, Marge Jeffrey of Hockley, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Elizabeth McClanhan; and a brother, Richard Moore.

Services were Saturday at Berean Baptist Church with Doug Keenan officiating. Burial was in Merriam Chapel.

Preferred memorials are to Berean Baptist Church or the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge.

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Wade Cooper

KENDALLVILLE— Wade Cooper, 79, died at 8:50 a.m. Tuesday, January 2, 2001, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was born September 13, 1921, in Charleston, W.Va., to Bayless and Mary (Nelson) Cooper. He married Joan Miller on May 29, 1975, in Syracuse. She survives.

Mr. Cooper, who had been in failing health for three years, was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during World War II and a member of Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville. He was retired from Sea Nymph Boat Co. in Syracuse and had worked at Essex Wire of Ligonier.

He is survived by his wife, Joan Cooper of Kendallville; four sons and a daughter-in-law, Dale and Mickey Cooper of Rome City, Jim Cooper of Albion, Jack Cooper of Cromwell, and Mike Cooper Ligonier; a stepson and daughter-in-law, Larry and April Steel of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra and Robert Hammond of Galion, Ohio, and Mary and Gary Harris of Ligonier; a stepdaughter, Bonnie Coleman of Auburn; 25 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, two sisters, one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

Services were Friday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, with the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice.

Shirley A. Cramer

KENDALLVILE-Shirley A. Cramer, 61, died Friday, January, 5, 2001 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was born in Kendallville, she retired in 1999 as a secretary at EPI-Dana after seven years. She also worked at Lewger Machine for 12 years and at Steckley Feed Mill for 16 years. Her husband, Kenneth, died in 1998.

Surviving are a son, Jeffery of Kendallville; two daughters, Terri Smith and Marcy Fogle, both of Kendallville; three sisters, Emojean Wilson and Betty DuBois, both of Albion, and Linda DeLong of South Milford; two brothers, Jerry and Darrel DeLong, both of Kendallville; and eight grandchildren.

Services were held on Wednesday, January 10, 2001 at Berhalter Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. Preferred Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or American Cancer Society.

Editor's note: The following obituary is being reprinted by request of the family.

Marvin L. Morgan, 78

ALVA, FLORIDA-Beloved husband and loving father, Marvin L. Morgan, age 78, born June 12, 1922 in Leipsic, IN, died on December 30, 2000 at the Southwest Regional Hospital in Fort Meyers, FL. Marvin's parents, Lester and Gladys (Moon) Morgan and step-father Ernie Montgomery preceded him in death. His lovely wife, Gretna Faye (Goodier), who resided in Albion, IN, for forty years until they retired in 1993 to their home in Alva, Florida, survives Marvin. He continues to live on through his five children and their spouses who he loved so deeply; Gary and Marsha Morgan, Choctaw, OK, Vonna and Dennis O'Neil, Morristown, NJ, Marvin Richard (Dick) and Julie Morgan, Syracuse, IN, Darla and Edward Steeh, New Haven, MI, Janice and Charles Ison, Shelby, NC. Marvin was also the grandfather of 10 grandsons, 9 granddaughters, and 22 great-grandchildren. In addition, Marvin extended his parenting and home to foreign exchange student, Harri Hintsa, Vantaa, Finland.

Marvin was a member of Calvary Temple, Ft. Wayne, IN and New Covenant Worship Center, Athens, GA, which he and his wife helped to establish by donating the land on which it stands and helped supervise the construction of the first church. Marvin and his wife regularly attended the First Assembly of God church in Fort Meyers. He served his country in WWII on board the ship, USS Moale and was a member of Battle of Ormoc Bay Association, served as their President 1991-1995 and belonged to the American Legion Post #246.

It was truly a wonderful life that Marvin had. He loved all living things...great and small, was an engaging storyteller and loved having fun. It was especially difficult to lose him at this time of year as he was Santa to hundreds of children over the years and loved serving meals to large gatherings of family friends during the holidays. He had a very beautiful life and enriched the lives of everyone who knew him. He will be missed so much but know that he has gone home with the angels and is now sitting at God's great banquet.

The family received friends at the Brazzel Funeral Home in Albion Indiana, on Thursday, January 4. Marvin's going home to the Lord's house was celebrated during services held at Asbury Methodist Church, Albion, Indiana on Friday, January 5 with internment following at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Preferred memorials are to Calvary Temple Center P. O. Box 11247 Fort Wayne, IN 46856, Speedway Childrens Charity 5555 Concord Parkway S Smith Tower, Suite 336 Concord N.C. 28027, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation 6931 Arlington Road Bethesda MD 20814 and New Covenant Worship Center 1425 Newton Bridge Road Athens GA 30607

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Helen C. Hickman

KIMMELL - Helen C. Hickman, 86, died at 12:16 a.m., Sunday, January 7, 2001 in the University Park Health Center, Fort Wayne.

She was born May 15, 1914 in Noble County, Indiana a daughter of Samuel and Lola Wilkerson Paulus. She graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

On June 15, 1936 she was united in marriage to Emil Hickman. They resided at Horseshoe Lake in Washington Township, Noble County for many years. Mr. Hickman died December 19, 1994.

She was employed at the Noble County Clerk's office for 10 years.

She was a member of Ormas Baptist Church, Washington Township Noble County Women's Home Division Club, a Noble County 4-H leader for several years and a former member of Noble County Art Association.

She is survived by four daughters, Dr. Lola Kerlin of Boca Raton, FL; Mary Lou Padgett of San Jose, CA; Lois June McCallum of Chicago, IL

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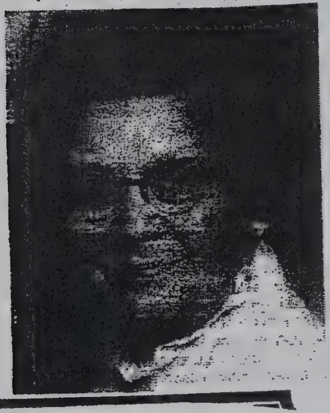

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and Carolyn Bobilya of Las Vegas, NV; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two brothers, Jay Paulus and Leon Paulus, both of Columbia City; and a sister, Thelma Veitch of Florida.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Bernard Paulus and Russell "Bud" Paulus and a sister, Evangeline Baker.

The funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 10, 2001 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with Rev. Michael W. Allen, pastor of Ormas Baptist Church, officiating. The burial was in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Research Foundation.

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ty auto dealer
bbert Miller II dies

KENDALLVILLE — Robert
: Miller II, 42, died Tuesday at
kview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Coral Gables, Fla., he
s the general manager of Jack
Chevrolet & Cadillac in Ken-
lville. He began his lifelong
eer in the automobile business
rking for his father at age 12 at
b Miller Ford in Waterloo. He
s also a sales manager at Bob
kson Ford and Allen County
tors.

He was a member of St. Charles
rromeo Roman Catholic Church
d the Sons of the American
gion, Leo-Cedarville Post.

He enjoyed automobiles and
SCAR racing.

Surviving are his wife, Jacque-
e; three sons, Jeremy, Nicholas
d Robert Lee Miller III, all of
rt Wayne; his mother, Patty
ller of Waterloo; and two broth-
, John Miller of Grabill and Joe
ller of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his
her, Robert Dale Miller.

Mass of Christian Burial will be
10:30 a.m. Thursday with calling
e hour prior at St. Charles Bor-
meo Roman Catholic Church.
rial is in Catholic Cemetery, Fort
ayne.

Memorials are to the family.

Arrangements are by D.O.
cComb & Sons Maplewood Park
neral Home.

Richard Parish

CHURUBUSCO — Richard W. Parish, 71, well-known Churubusco businessman, and a former resident of Churubusco and Columbia City, died early Sunday morning, Jan. 7, 2001, at his residence in Adel, Ga.

Mr. Parish

Mr. Parish was born in Smith Township, Whitley County, on Aug. 6, 1929, a son of Dwight and Estella (McCoy) Parish. He graduated from Churubusco High School in 1950, and as a young man served with both the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Air Force.

On Aug. 16, 1958, he married Marian Clayton in Churubusco, who survives. The couple spent the early years of their marriage in Columbus, Ga., where he was the sales manager for a local Chrysler-Plymouth dealership.

The couple moved to Churubusco in 1969 where he was employed as a truck driver for several years. A long-time business entrepreneur, he later owned and operated several businesses in Churubusco. He owned the Churubusco Western Auto Store, Townsend Laundromat and Dry Cleaners, Big A Auto Parts, Raypole Standard Service, and NAPA Auto Parts.

He owned and operated Pride Convenience Stores with locations in Churubusco, Columbia City, Auburn, Merriam and Syracuse, until retiring in 1999 when he permanently moved to Adel.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Adel, Churubusco Lodge 515 F&AM, and the Mizpah Shrine in Fort Wayne.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Richard "Rusty" Parish II and his wife, Merrie, of Columbia City, and Dwight Clayton "Clay" Parish of Churubusco; a daughter, April Boehme and her husband, Bruce, of LaOtto; a brother and his wife, Dallas P. and Gloria Parish of Churubusco; three sisters and their husbands, Carmen and David Horn of Roseville, Ohio, Donnis and Donald Goneau of Avilla, and Dwila and Donald Bloom of Alpharetta, Ga.; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by two half-brothers, Warren Disler and Randall K. Disler.

Services are 2 p.m. today at First United Methodist Church in Adel with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Adel.

Memorials are to the Hannah Clayton Scholarship Fund in care of Sheets Funeral Home, 206 N. Main St., Churubusco, IN 46723.

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Michael Pierson

LAGRANGE — Michael A. Pierson, 39, died at 11 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, 2001, at his residence.

He was born Nov. 22, 1961, in Sturgis, Mich.

A former welder at GW Fixtures in Bronson, Mich., he moved from Sherwood, Mich., to LaGrange in October 2000.

Mr. Pierson never married.

Surviving are his mother, Norma (Walker) Abel of LaGrange; a sister and brother-in-law, Stacey and Brian Metzger of Bronson; and a brother, Lyle C. Pierson of Jillett, Wis.

Preceding him in death were his father, Joseph L. Pierson, on Sept. 4, 1978; and his stepfather, Delmar G. Abel, on Aug. 20, 2000.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Jeff Farnham officiating. Burial is in Matteson Cemetery, Bronson.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Sandra Somers

KENDALLVILLE — Sandra J. Somers, 61, died at 5:15 a.m. Monday, Jan. 8, 2001, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

She was born Dec. 29, 1939, in Fort Wayne to Vaughn and Iva (Grossman) Brunson.

Surviving are two sons, Vaughn Somers of Kendallville and Clayton Somers of Oakland Park, Fla.; two grandchildren; and a sister, Ortheda Huguenard of New Haven.

Preceding her in death were two sisters.

There will be no services and no visitation. Burial will be at a later date at Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville.

George Mason

LAGRANGE — George H. Mason, 85, died at 12:10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, LaGrange. He formerly lived in Howe.

Arrangements are pending at Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe.

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Wilbur Pugh

KENDALLVILLE — Wilbur Lawrence Pugh, 86, died at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Kendallville. He had been in failing health for six months.

He was born Aug. 21, 1914, in Bluffton to Shirley E. and Bessie May (Ferguson) Pugh.

He moved to Kendallville in 1970. In 1979 he retired from Magnavox Corp. in Fort Wayne after 35 years.

Surviving is a brother, George Pugh of Ossian; two nephews, Shirley Garrison of Kendallville and Larry Pugh of Ossian; and two nieces, Mary Elizabeth Todd of Ossian and Julia Burkley of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, James and Harry Pugh; and two sisters, Ruth Alline Garrison and Marietta Bertsch.

Services are 2 p.m. Friday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, Bluffton, with burial in Elm Grove Cemetery, Bluffton. The Rev. Bud Abrams will officiate.

Calling is an hour before services.

Memorials to First Baptist Church, Bluffton.

(The following obituary is being reprinted to provide additional information.)

Robert Meroney

LIGONIER — Robert J. Meroney, 79, of Ligonier, died at 6:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, 2001, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mr. Meroney was a farmer and had served on the Ligonier Fire Department for 17 years.

He was born Jan. 10, 1921, in Ligonier to Floyd M. and Gertrude Rex Meroney.

On Aug. 6, 1941, he married Viva M. Huff. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Lanny and Kathy Meroney of Ligonier; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Marsha Rhodes of Fort Wayne, Carol and Paul Kehr of Granger, and Joy and Dale Friskney of Ligonier; a sister and brother-in-law, Marjorie and Max Musselman of Wawaka; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were Tuesday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Jim Farrer officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Memorials are to Noble County Hospice, American Cancer Society, or Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

The News-Sun, Fri., Jan. 12, 2001,

George Duchossois

NEW LENOX, Ill. — George A. Duchossois, 77, of New Lenox, Ill., formerly of Kendallville, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2001, in Ingalls Memorial Hospital, Harvey, Ill.

He was born on June 19, 1923, in Chicago.

Mr. Duchossois was a retired purchasing agent for Thrall Car Manufacturing from 1966 until his retirement in 1992. He owned Gambles Hardware Store in Kendallville from 1953 to 1966.

He was a graduate of Sutherland Grammar School, Morgan Park Military Academy and Morgan Park Junior College, a sergeant with the U.S. Army Air Corps 1154th AAF Base Unit and served at the Normandy D-Day invasion in World War II, in northern France, the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns.

Surviving are a son, George Duchossois, Sioux City, Iowa; a sister, Marguerite Van Order; a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Judi Duchossois; a grandson, Eric Duchossois, Sioux City, Iowa; and a companion, Marion Lindgren.

A brother, Albert Duchossois, preceded him in death.

Services and interment are private.

Memorials are to the Beverly Duchossois Cancer Research Fund, c/o University of Chicago, 5841 S. Maryland Ave., M. C. 1115, Chicago, Ill. 60637.

Marian Foltz

ORLAND — Marian E. Foltz, 88, of Orland, died Thursday, Jan. [illegible], 2001, in Orland.

On Aug. 5, 1912, in Angola, she was born to George and Lydia (Showalter) Foltz. She married Carl O. Foltz on Aug. 13, 1933, who preceded her in death on July 10, 1982.

She worked at the former Lewis Implement Store and at Keyes Grocery Store, both in Orland, and was the retired owner of a clothing store in Orland.

Mrs. Foltz was a member of the Orland Congregational Church, Pilgrim Guild, Millgrove Modern Homemakers Club, Hoosier Hill Homemakers Club and card clubs in Angola and Fremont including the Angola American Legion Card Club.

She was a sports enthusiast following Prairie Heights and Tri-State University girls and women's sports. She enjoyed watching her granddaughters and great-granddaughters play sports.

Surviving are a daughter, Karen Covell of Orland; a son, Gary Foltz of Lecanto, Fla.; a sister, Pauline Eyer of Florida; a brother, Warren Sellers of Georgia; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Two sisters and five brothers preceded her in death in addition to her husband.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Rev. Mark Emelander officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Calling will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health and Hospice or Orland Congregational Church.

Kaye Ells

GARRETT — Kaye Marlene (Shuff) Ells, 56, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2001, in the evening at her Garrett home.

Mrs. Ells worked at Sheller-Globe for several years. She was a member of Garrett Presbyterian Church and the Friends Facing Cancer survivor support group.

She was born Jan. 15, 1944, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Harry and Lula (Lutz) Shuff. They preceded her in death.

She married John Wesley Ells on July 18, 1962, in Angola, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Julie Thomas of Garrett and Nancy Smith of Albion; one son, John Ells Jr. of Auburn; 10 sisters, Faye Ells and Claudia Hulbert, both of Auburn, Mary Snook and Kate Clady, both of Garrett, Jackie Walker, Janice Witte, Joan Mills and Rosanne Kinsey, all of St. Joe, Shirley Chapman of Butler, and Linda Sattison of Hamilton; four brothers, Robert Shuff of Auburn, James Shuff of Garrett, Chalmer Shuff of Arizona, and Bill Shuff of California; seven grandchildren and 42 nieces and nephews.

Three brothers, Harry Shuff Jr., Franklin Shuff and Maurice Shuff, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, with Alan Fulgate officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Friends Facing Cancer survivor support group, in care of Denise Rigsby, 0417 County Road 27, Ashley IN 46705.

The News-Sun, Sat., Jan. 13, 2001,

Merrill Mishler

LAGRANGE — Merrill M. Mishler, 85, of LaGrange died at 9:50 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, 2001 at Vencor Hospital—LaGrange.

He was a dairy farmer and the founder of Super Blend Inc. of LaGrange. He lived all his life in LaGrange County. In his early years he worked as an ice delivery man, then with his Uncle John in his butcher shop. He later did house-to-house butchering for individuals. He was employed as a meat cutter at markets in Shipshewana, LaGrange and Howe. He was active in the agriculture community. A member of Shore Mennonite Church, he served on many boards and committees within the Mennonite Church. From 1943 to 1946 he served in Civilian Public Service in Iowa, Delaware, Montana and Colorado.

He was born Oct. 2, 1915, on Shipshewana to Milton J. and Mary (Yoder) Mishler. On Oct. 2, 1938, he married Helen J. Miller, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Ruth and Edwin Basinger of Tulsa, Okla., Rose and Philip Miller of LaGrange, and Retha Filhart of Coleman, Mich.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, John and Mary Mishler, and Jerry Mishler, all of LaGrange; a sister, Irene Yoder of Syracuse; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Glenn Mishler.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Shore Mennonite Church, Shipshewana, with the Revs. Carl Horner and Dean Brubaker officiating. Burial will be at Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling is at the church from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials are to Bethany Christian Schools in Goshen or Gideons International.

Arrangements were made by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Helen Graham

FORT WAYNE — Helen B. Graham, 87, died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2001, at her home in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Terre Haute. She was a group leader with Magnavox for 35 years, and was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church and the Magnavox Quarter Century Club.

Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Corienne Graham of Wolcottville; two brothers, Charles Cardinal of West Terre Haute and Frank Cardinal of Knoxville, Tenn.; three sisters, Ethel Sutton, Marjorie Lester and Mary Guy, all of West Terre Haute; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph, in 1964, and a son, Robert, in 1988.

Services were Tuesday at Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery Chapel, 6600 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Habitat for Humanity.

Arrangements were by D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Betty Adair

ROME CITY — Betty J. Adair, 82, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2001, at her residence.

Arrangements are pending through Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Robert J. Chorpenning

WATERLOO — Robert J. Chorpenning, 46, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2001, at the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Jackson, Miss.

Mr. Chorpenning was born in Garrett on Oct. 7, 1954, to Earl and Vivian (Fike) Chorpenning.

His mother, Vivian Chorpenning Curry, survives in Waterloo. His father preceded him in death.

He was also preceded in death by his stepfather, Wayne Curry; a brother, James Chorpenning; and a half-brother, Tim Curry.

Mr. Chorpenning was self-employed with a pallet business. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Services will be held Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with the Rev. Byron Bloom officiating.

Calling is from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery in Corunna.

Memorials are to Waterloo Church of the Nazarene.

Betty J. Adair

ROME CITY — Betty J. Adair, 82, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2001, at 5:50 p.m. at her residence. She had been in failing health the past two years and was surrounded by her family at the time of her death.

Mrs. Adair was born July 19, 1918, in Fort Wayne to John and Cecilia (Mettler) Poiry. She was a graduate of St. Peters Commercial High School in Fort Wayne, and she won the Fort Wayne City Tennis Championship in 1931.

Mrs. Adair

On Sept. 14, 1940, she married Floyd Adair in Rome City. She moved to Rome City in 1952, where she was an active member of the Rome City United Methodist Church and a member of the United Methodist Women Club.

In 1985, she retired from the Monsanto Co. after 21 years of service.

Mrs. Adair loved hunting for sapphires, attending band concerts, plays, Liberace concerts and making others happy. Above all, she loved her family and received great joy sharing their lives.

Many of her summers were spent out West visiting her children and grandchildren living in Montana and California.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and Richard; and two sisters, Mary Agnes Roembke and Georgiana Rue.

Surviving are two daughters, Linda Donley of Rome City and Laura Fox of Missoula, Mont.; a son, John of Lancaster, Calif.; a brother, Paul of Fort Wayne; two grandsons, Mark Donley of Rome City and Alan Fox of Missoula, Mont.; two granddaughters, Molly Joyal of Fort Wayne and LaRae Adair of Long Beach, Calif.; and a great-granddaughter, Kaitlyn Joyal of Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Rome City United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Dr. Harold North officiating.

Calling is Monday at the church from 1 p.m. until the time of funeral services.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is handling the arrangements.

Burial will be in Orange Cemetery at Brimfield.

Memorials are to Parkview-Noble Home Health & Hospice or to the Rome City United Methodist Church.

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Betty Van Wagner

ANGOLA — Betty Van Wagner, 76, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2001, at her home in Angola.

Mrs. Van Wagner was born Aug. 29, 1924, in Rye, N.H. to Pearly and Florence Rand.

On Jan. 21, 1966, she married Bill Van Wagner, who preceded her in death on Sept. 4, 1989.

Mrs. Van Wagner was an accountant for Klink Trucking Co. She also worked at Stone Street Gravel and State Line Gravel. She was a member of Grace Baptist Church.

Surviving are a son, Gary Powell of Fremont; a daughter, Gaile Wolf of Avilla; three stepsons, Eric and Mark Van Wagner, both of Angola, and Scott Van Wagner of Huntsville, Ala.; 17 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Gregory and Grant Powell; and two brothers, Charles and Dick Rand.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with Dr. Bob Koenig officiating.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Memorials are to Steuben County Cancer and Fort Wayne Oncology.

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Kate M. Birky

GOSHEN — Kate M. Birky, 96, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2001, at 8:45 p.m. at Greencroft Nursing Home.

Mrs. Birky

She had been in declining health and had lived at the nursing center since 1991.

Mrs. Birky was born October 23, 1904 in LaGrange County to Dan and Magdelena (Egli) Miller. She was a homemaker and an active member of Shore Mennonite Church.

On Feb. 24, 1926, in Manson, Iowa, she married Albert R. Birky, who preceded her in death in 1992. Mrs. Birky moved to Shipshewana in 1966 from Conneautville, Pa.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Lester; and three sisters and three brothers.

Surviving are three daughters, Dorothy Mishler of Shipshewana, and Marjorie Hooley and Joyce McCreary, both of Goshen; two sons, Ivan of Shipshewana and Vernon of Goshen.

She is also survived by three sisters, Silda Birky and Alice Oswald, both of Conneaut Lake, Pa., and Myrtle Myers of Goshen; and a brother, Sanford Miller of Goshen.

Other survivors include nine grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, one stepgrandchild, and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana, with the Rev. Carl Horner and the Rev. Brent Eash officiating.

Arrangements are being handled by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home of Middlebury.

Calling is at the church from 3-8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to funeral services.

Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Memorials are to Shore Mennonite Church.

Sherry M. Eggert

SHIPSHEWANA — Sherry M. Eggert, 53, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2001, at 4:40 p.m. at her home in Shipshewana.

Mrs. Eggert

She had been in declining health, suffering from cancer.

Mrs. Eggert was born Nov. 19, 1947, in Grand Rapids, Mich. to Albert and Maxine (Latimer) VandenBosch.

She grew up in the LaGrange County area and lived in Alaska for several years before returning to the area in 1997.

On April, 18, 1970, she married Ronn W. Eggert in Kansas City, Mo. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Tonya Reneé Morana of Onset, Mass., and Anjanette C. Reisinger of Shipshewana. She is also survived by two grandchildren, Seth and Gabriel Reisinger of Shipshewana.

Other survivors are three sisters, Donna Brown of Shipshewana, Juanita Willman of Acworth, Ga, and Mary Kaylor of Holland, Mich.; and a brother, David of Twin Lake, Mich.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Alvin, and her parents.

Mrs. Eggert was an insurance agent for more than 20 years in Alaska. She was an agent with Nationwise for the last 13 years, and an agent with State Farm Insurance prior to that.

She was a member of Shipshewana Nazarene Church, active in the choir and the Caravan children's program.

She was also a member of Eagle River Nazarene Church at Eagle River, Alaska. She was active there in the Caravan children's program and served on the board of directors as the NWMS president.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Shipshewana Church of the Nazarene, with Pastor David Stults and the Rev. Ralph Hill officiating.

Burial will be in Keightley Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home of Middlebury, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to Elkhart General Hospice and United Cancer Services of LaGrange County.

Nadean Wellman

LIGONIER — Nadean Wellman, 81, died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2001, at 1:35 a.m. at Carriage Manor Health Care.

She had been seriously ill since Dec. 19.

Mrs. Wellman was born June 30, 1919, in Ligonier to Ira and Cora (Swigart) Yoder. She was a lifetime resident of Ligonier, and had lived at Carriage Manor Health Care the last two years.

On May 11, 1946, she married Lee Wellman in Ligonier. He preceded her in death on Sept. 2, 1985.

She was also preceded in death by one brother and one grandson.

Mrs. Wellman was a homemaker and member of Ligonier United Methodist Church.

She was active in Good Samaritans, Golden Girls and the Perry Township Home Ec Club where she had served as secretary for many years. She enjoyed sewing.

Surviving are two sons, James R. of Goshen and Jerry D. of Kimmell; and seven daughters, Evelyn Winebrenner of Albion, Rosalie Greene of Tempe, Ariz., Ruth Prater of Warsaw, Coral Moore of Goshen, Janet Allen of Cromwell, Linda Knafel of Albion, and Nelda Kruger of Goshen.

She is also survived by 22 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Brenda Ginder officiating.

Calling is from 3-7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation.

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Claude V. Myers

ETNA — Claude V. Myers, 81, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2001, at his home.

Mr. Myers was born Aug. 25, 1919, in Etna Troy Township, Whitley County, to William Franklin and Della Katherine (Mabie) Myers.

He completed his education at the Etna School and Troy Center School. Mr. Myers was a dairy and grain farmer in Etna and a member of Etna United Methodist Church.

In September 1940, he married Elsie Jane Prescott, who preceded him in death in 1951. Before her death, the couple made their home near Larwill, later moving to Leesburg.

On July 19, 1952, Mr. Myers married Shirley R. Cole, who survives. They made there home in Leesburg until they moved to their current residence in Etna Troy Township in 1960.

Mr. Myers is also survived by four sons, Harry Lee of Lafayette, Stephen G. of Syracuse, Daniel A. of Etna and Robert I. of Columbia City; five daughters, Phyllis Jean Wright of Plymouth, Deborah A. Slabach of Fremont, and Wendy G. Myers, Brenda J. Boles and Cynthia L. Myers, all of Columbia City; 33 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Mr. Myers was also preceded in death by three brothers, six sisters, and twin great-grandsons.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastors Karen Biddle and Orlo Hibbs officiating. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery in Wilmot.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Etna United Methodist Church.

(The following obituary is being reprinted to correct the spelling of a name.)

Merrill Mishler

LAGRANGE — Merrill M. Mishler, 85, of LaGrange died at 9:50 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, 2001, at Vencor Hospital—LaGrange.

He was a dairy farmer and the founder of Super Blend Inc. of LaGrange. He lived all his life in LaGrange County. In his early years he worked as an ice delivery man, then with his Uncle John in his butcher shop. He later did house-to-house butchering for individuals. He was employed as a meat cutter at markets in Shipshewana, LaGrange and Howe. He was active in the agriculture community. A member of Shore Mennonite Church, he served on many boards and committees within the Mennonite Church. From 1943 to 1946 he served in Civilian Public Service in Iowa, Delaware, Montana and Colorado.

He was born Oct. 2, 1915, on Shipshewana to Milton J. and Mary (Yoder) Mishler. On Oct. 2, 1938, he married Helen J. Miller, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Ruth and Edwin Basinger of Tulsa, Okla., Rose and Philip Miller of LaGrange, and Retha Filhart of Coleman, Mich.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, John and Mary Mishler, and James Mishler, all of LaGrange; a sister, Irene Yoder of Syracuse; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Glenn Mishler.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Shore Mennonite Church, Shipshewana, with the Revs. Carl Horner and Dean Brubaker officiating. Burial will be at Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling is 2 to 6 p.m. today.

Memorials are to Bethany Christian Schools in Goshen or Gideons International.

Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

The News-Sun, Mon., Jan. 15, 2001,

Adrian Dickey

SHERWOOD, Ohio — Adrian Dickey, 90, died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2001, at Community Hospital of Williams County, Bryan, Ohio.

Born in DeKalb County, he was a farmer and had worked at Sherwood Elevator. He had also worked at Defiance Precision Products for more than 19 years and was a school bus driver.

Surviving are his wife, Marie; two sons, Ernest and Lee, both of Sherwood; two daughters, Mary Rosbrock and Thelma Nearing, both of Sherwood; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; and a brother, Theodore Dickey of Kendallville.

Services are 1 p.m. Wednesday at Sherwood United Methodist Church, with burial in Sherwood Cemetery.

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Rice Funeral Home, Sherwood.

Memorials to the church or donor's choice.

Bernard Whonsetler

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Bernard "Bernie" L. Whonsetler, 72, of Hamilton Lake, Ind., died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2001, at Ohio Medical College in Toledo.

Mr. Whonsetler was born Oct. 1, 1928, to Chester and Gertrude (DeHoff) Whonsetler. He graduated from Huntertown High School with the Class of 1947.

After graduation he worked in Fort Wayne at International Harvester Co. in the quality control department. He later became employed at Schlatter Hardware.

On Aug. 12, 1950, he married Esther Heinger in Bluffton. In 1954 they moved to Hicksville where he started as assistant cashier at the Hicksville Bank. He attended the Wisconsin School of Banking at Madison, graduating in 1959.

Mr. Whonsetler lived in Hicksville until moving to Hamilton Lake seven years ago.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Hicksville, and served as clerk of the Hicksville School Board. He was a member of the school board, four county vocational board, village council, park board, the village development corporation and the Fountain Manor board.

He is a past president of the Hicksville Rotary Club where he had 40 years of perfect attendance. He was a Rotary 660 governors aide and was Rotary Citizen of the Year in 1982.

Mr. Whonsetler also served as president of the Hicksville Bank, was a member of the Defiance and Henry County Bankers Association agriculture committee and was a member of the Order of Eastern Star in Churubusco, and the Masonic Lodge in Hicksville.

Surviving are his wife; four daughters, Janet Hostetler of Littleton, Colo.; Paula Cline of Oregon, Ohio, Susan Guildford of Hicksville, and Mary Lou Nichols of Bryan, Ohio; one son, Craig Whonsetler of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren; and one sister, Jean Thrush of LaOtto.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Catherine Moore; a brother, Robert Whonsetler; and two grandchildren.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. John Lutheran Church, Hicksville, with the Rev. Pentti Maki officiating. Burial will be in the Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is at Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, after 5 p.m. Tuesday and after 9 a.m. Wednesday. There will also be calling at the church after 9:30 a.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church or the American Cancer Society.

Bessie Hull

COLUMBIA CITY — Bessie L. Hull, 86, of Columbia City, died at 2:31 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, 2001, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born to Alva J. And Alice Anne (Moore) Bryant on June 13, 1914, in Paulding, Ohio, and moved as a small child with her family to Fort Wayne. She lived in Columbia City after marrying Howard Phillip Hull on April 6, 1947.

She once worked for Peter Eckerich Meats and General Electric, both of Fort Wayne. However, in her later years she was a homemaker.

Surviving are two sisters, Mildred M. McCoy of Kendallville and Irene L. Nisse of Tampa, Fla.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a sister, Alice A. Bryant; and eight brothers, Herman, Wayne, Donald, Dale, Carl, Gerald A., Delmar and Earl E. Bryant.

Services are 2 p.m. Tuesday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Thomas Beers of Columbia City Church of the Nazarene officiating. Burial will be at the Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 5 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

The News-Sun, Tues., Jan. 16, 2001,

George Mason

LAGRANGE — George H. Mason, 85, formerly of Howe, died at 12:10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, LaGrange.

He was born Dec. 24, 1915, in Fort Wayne to Harley and Rebecca Mason.

Mr. Mason was self-employed at Mason Feed Service and Marco Campers. He also served as a township trustee for 10 years in Lima Township, where he lived most of his life. He was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Parish, Howe.

On Sept. 27, 1941, he married Helen Prough in Auburn. She died Dec. 30, 1992.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Gloria and Robert Frye of LaGrange and Kay and Hollie Greathouse of El Dorado, Calif; two sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas H. and Sherry Mason of Howe and George R. and Becky Mason of LaGrange; a brother, Walter Mason of Phoenix, Ariz.; and two sisters, Kathryn Kanouse of Sturgis, Mich., and Louise Norris of LaGrange.

He was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Karla C Mason.

There will be a memorial service at St. James Chapel, Howe, at 10 a.m. Saturday. The family will meet friends at the church an hour prior to the service. Burial of cremated remains will take place at Riverside Cemetery immediately following the service.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home.

Bessie Miller

WOLCOTTVILLE — Bessie A. Miller, 95, died at 12:15 a.m. Monday, Jan. 15, 2001, at Blackford County Hospital in Hartford City.

She was born Dec. 21, 1905, in DeKalb County to Samuel and Alice (McClish) Perkins.

On Jan. 30, 1926, she married Cecil C. Miller in Ashley. He preceded her in death on Oct. 12, 1961.

She moved to Gas City four years ago to reside with her daughter.

Mrs. Miller was a member of Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren in Ashley, and attended Marion Church of the Brethren, where she was very active in the women's group. She was also a member of the Homemakers Club in Wolcottville.

Surviving are five sons, Russell Miller of Animas, N.M., Gene Miller of Corunna, David Miller of Greenville, S.C., Paul Miller of Waterloo, and Thomas Miller of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Marjorie Mitchell of Albion; Ann Miller of Ligonier; Judy Harter of Gas City, and Jane Shibler of Fremont; a sister, Ruth Stackhouse of Kendallville; a brother, Ford Perkins of Hudson; 48 grandchildren; 86 great-grandchildren; and 31 great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were two sons, Joseph and Wayne, along with four sisters, two brothers, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services are Thursday at 11 a.m. at Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren in Ashley with the Revs. Jeff Fackler and Allen Kahler officiating. Burial will follow at Fairfield Center Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling is Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Richard Stuart

AVILLA — Richard L. Stuart, 75, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born at Wolf Lake, he retired in 1989 as a warehouse supervisor from Oren-VanAman in Fort Wayne after 33 years. He was a World War II Army veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Donna; a son, Michael D. Stuart of Garrett; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at a later date. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to American Diabetes Association or American Heart Association.

Arrangements by McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Orville McDonald

KENDALLVILLE — Orville K. McDonald, 85, died at 12:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2001, at his residence.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Sally Noll

ASHLEY — Sally Noll, 53, of Ashley died at 4:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2001, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

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Nadean Wellman

LIGONIER - Nadean Wellman, 81, died Saturday, January 13, 2001, at 1:35 a.m. at Carriage Manor Health Care.

She had been seriously ill since Dec. 19.

Mrs. Wellman was born June 30, 1919, in Ligonier to Ira and Cora (Swigart) Yoder. She was a lifetime resident of Ligonier, and had lived at Carriage Manor Health Care the last two years.

On May 11, 1946, she married Lee Wellman in Ligonier. He preceded her in death on Sept. 2, 1985.

She was also preceded in death by one brother and one grandson.

Mrs. Wellman was a homemaker and member of Ligonier United Methodist Church.

She was active in Good Samaritans, Golden Girls and Perry Township Home Ec Club where she had served as secretary for many years. She enjoyed sewing.

Surviving are two sons, James R. of Goshen and Jerry D. of Kimmell; and seven daughters, Evelyn Winebrenner of Albion, Rosalie Greene of Tempe, Ariz., Ruth Prater of Warsaw, Coral Moore of Goshen, Janet Allen of Cromwell, Linda Knafel of Albion, and Nelda Kruger of Goshen.

She is also survived by 22 grandchildren and 31 Great-grandchildren.

Services were Tuesday, January 19, 2001 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Brenda Ginder officiating.

Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation.

Kaye Ells

GARRETT-Kaye Marlene (Shuff) Ells, 56, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2001, in the evening at her Garrett home.

Mrs. Ells worked at Sheller-Globe for several years. She was a member of Garrett Presbyterian Church and the Friends Facing Cancer survivor support group.

She married John Wesley Ells on July 18, 1962, in Angola, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Julie Thomas of Garrett and Nancy Smith of Albion; one son, John Ells Jr. of Auburn; 10 sisters, Faye Ells and Claudia Hulbert, both of Auburn, Mary Snook and Kate Clady, both of Garrett, Jackie Walker, Janice Witte, Joan Mills and Rosanne Kinsey, all of St. Joe, Shirley Chapman of Butler, and Linda Sattison of Hamilton; four brothers, Robert Shuff of Auburn, James Shuff of Garrett, Chalmer Shuff of Arizona, and Bill Shuff of California; seven grandchildren and 42 nieces and nephews.

Three brothers, Harry Shuff Jr., Franklin Shuff and Maurice Shuff, preceded her in death.

Services were held Sunday, January 14, 2001 at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, with Alan Fugate officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Friends Facing Cancer survivor support group, in care of Denise Rigsby, 0417 County Road 27, Ashley IN 46705.

Bernard Whonsetler

HAMILTON LAKE -- Bernard "Bernie" L. Whonsetler, 72, of Hamilton Lake, who graduated from Wisconsin School of Banking in Madison, Wis., in 1959, died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2001, at Ohio Medical College, Toledo, Ohio.

The Noble County native had worked at International Harvester and Schlatters Hardware, both in Fort Wayne, and Hicksville Bank, where he was president. He served as clerk of Hicksville School Board; was past president of Hicksville Rotary Club where he had 40 years of perfect attendance; and was a member of Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; and St. John Lutheran Church, Hicksville.

Surviving are his wife, Esther, daughters, Janet Hostetler of Littleton, Col., Paula Cline of Oregon, Ohio, Susan Guilford of Hicksville and Mary Lou Nichols of Bryan, Ohio; a son, Craig of Fort Wayne; a sister, Jean Thrush of LaOtto; and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister and a brother.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. John Lutheran Church, Hicksville, Ohio, with calling one hour prior to services. Calling will be 9 a.m. today at Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Burial will be at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorials are to the church or American Cancer Society.

The family of Marilyn McClanahan wishes to express their thanks to all our friends and neighbors for their prayers and acts of kindness. A special thanks to doctors, Chandler, Gaff & Foltynish. Nurses and staff at Parkview Noble. A special thanks to Collins, Snyders, Bill Luke and Leatherman Construction for their snow removal in the drive way. Also Pastor Doug & Stephanie Keenan and Berean Baptist Church. Thanks again you are wonderful people.

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(The following obituary is being rerun because the time of service has changed.)

George Mason

LAGRANGE — George H. Mason, 85, formerly of Howe, died at 12:10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, LaGrange.

He was born Dec. 24, 1915, in Fort Wayne to Harley and Rebecca Mason.

Mr. Mason was self-employed at Mason Feed Service and Marco Campers. He also served as a township trustee for 10 years in Lima Township, where he lived most of his life. He was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Parish, Howe.

On Sept. 27, 1941, he married Helen Prough in Auburn. She died Dec. 30, 1992.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Gloria and Robert Frye of LaGrange and Kay and Hollie Greathouse of El Dorado, Calif; two sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas H. and Sherry Mason of Howe and George R. and Becky Mason of LaGrange; a brother, Walter Mason of Phoenix, Ariz.; and two sisters, Kathryn Kanouse of Sturgis, Mich., and Louise Norris of LaGrange.

He was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Karla C. Mason.

There will be a memorial service at St. James Chapel, Howe, at 11 a.m. Saturday. The family will meet friends at the church an hour prior to the service. Burial of cremated remains will take place at Riverside Cemetery immediately following the service.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home.

Orville McDonald

KENDALLVILLE — Orville K. McDonald, 85, died at 12:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2001, at his residence.

He was born Sept. 17, 1915, in Logan, W.Va., to Charles and Myrtle (Griffith) McDonald. He married Evelyn Blankenship on Aug. 14, 1948, in Prestonburg, Ky. She survives.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army during the Philippines campaign. He was a coal miner for 36 years and worked for Quick Tanks in Kendallville for three years.

He was a supporter of the Noble County Law Enforcement Association.

Surviving with his wife are three sons, Denzil, Kenneth and Eddie of Kendallville; two daughters, Linda Hurst and Reba Bardsley, both of Kendallville; a brother, Charles of Arton, Ky.; a sister, Christine Williamson of Prestonburg; 13 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Darrell, in 1987; and a sister, Anna Rose.

Services are noon Friday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with burial following at Lakeview Cemetery.

Visitation is Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Harold 'Art' Crozier

FORT WAYNE — Harold "Art" Crozier, 81, died Monday, Jan. 15, 2001, at Parkview Hospital.

He was born in Craigville. He retired as a salesman from McConnell & Son after 15 years.

Surviving are his wife, Clara M.; three daughters, Julie Elwood of Albion, Kay Ott of Huntington and Rebecca Brown of Portage, Mich.; a sister, Naomi Yocum of Willshire, Ohio; a stepsister, Wanetta West of Bluffton; three stepbrothers, Lester Crozier of California, Vernon Crozier of Rome City and Jay Lee Crozier of Ossian; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services are 2:30 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is at the funeral home one hour before services.

Memorials are to Christ Church, Georgetown.

Justin Geiger

FORT WAYNE — Justin Thomas Geiger, 1, died Monday, Jan. 15, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital.

He was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his parents, Tim and Brenda Geiger of Fort Wayne; a brother, Eric, of Fort Wayne; and grandparents, Dwight and Betty Geiger of Churubusco and Robert and Sue Hamilton of Fort Wayne.

Services are 2 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is at the funeral home two hours before services.

Memorials are to Lutheran Children's Hospital Cancer Center.

Ernest Sizemore

FORT WAYNE — Ernest "Ernie" R. Sizemore, 52, died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2001, at St. Joseph Hospital.

Born in Pineville, Ky., he was a Marine Corps veteran.

Surviving are three daughters, Michele Coats of Fort Wayne, Shawna Demorest of Kendallville and Carlie Thieme of Woodburn; three sisters, Yvonne Golden of Greenville, S.C., and Annette Hill and Vivian Sizemore, both of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Doug of Georgia, David of Reno, and Dennis of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren.

There will be no services or calling.

Arrangements are by C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

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Eli Miller

TOPEKA — Eli E. Miller, 50, of Topeka died at 11 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2001, at Vencor Hospital — LaGrange, after a year-long battle with cancer.

He was born to Ervin and Mary (Lambright) Miller on April 22, 1950, in Goshen. A farmer and member of the Old Order Amish Church, he lived all his life in the area.

On March 22, 1973, he married Ruby Bontrager in Topeka, and she survives.

Surviving with his wife and his parents are five daughters and two sons-in-law, Amanda Miller, Ruth and Jay Lynn Miller, Mary Ann Miller, Rachel and David Eicher, and Viola Miller, all of Topeka; two sons, Lonnie and Daniel, both of Topeka; two grandchildren; five sisters and brothers-in-law, Wilma and Ernest Eash of LaGrange, Elizabeth Ann and Jerry Miller of LaGrange, Ruby and Howard Miller of Hillsboro, Wis.; Sara Mae and Orva Yoder of LaGrange; and Edna and Samuel Schrock of LaGrange; four brothers, Orva Miller of Topeka, Elmer Miller of Hillsboro, Melvin Miller of Ligonier, and Omer Miller of Hillsboro.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Christy Mast residence, 3650W — 600S, Topeka, with Bishop Christy Mast, Bishop Martin Yoder, and the Rev. Harvey Miller officiating. Burial is in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Visitation is after 1 p.m. Thursday and all day Friday at the family residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Verdonna Kimble

FORT WAYNE — Verdonna Clare Kimble, 81, died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was a tax preparer for H&R Block for 17 years.

Surviving are her husband, James Dwight; two daughters, Ilona Clegg of Sacramento, Calif., and Julia Mast of Los Gatos, Calif.; six granddaughters, Christine White of West Sacramento, Calif., Ellen Derocher of Corvallis, Ore., Jennifer Meier of West Sacramento, Calif., Dana Timmerman of Avilla, Deanna Rasbury of Fort Wayne and DeVonna Miller of Mason, Ohio; 10 great-grandchildren, Megan, Samantha, and Katie Timmerman of Avilla, Andrew and Zak Derocher of Corvallis, Ore., Evan White of West Sacramento, Calif., Shannon Rasbury of Fort Wayne, Kara and Adam Miller of Mason, Ohio, and Rayla Meier of West Sacramento, Calif.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to Three Rivers Ambulance Authority.

Arrangements are by Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne.

Sally Noll

ASHLEY — Sally J. Noll, 53, of Ashley died at 4:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2001, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was born in Garrett on Oct. 13, 1947, to James and Jessie (Campbell) Dove.

On Oct. 16, 1965, she married Johnny "Joe" Noll in Ashley.

She lived in Ashley since 1970 and was a homemaker. She was a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church, Ashley.

Surviving are her husband; her mother, Jessie Dove of Ashley; a son, Todd Noll of Ashley; a daughter, Yvette Carper of Butler; a sister, Carol Coler of Hudson; a brother, Gary Dove of Ashley; and two grandchildren, Alexandria and Carnation Noll.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Burial is in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling is Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials aare to the church or DeKalb Home Health Care.

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Linda Ann Beard

ALBION — Linda Ann Beard, 51, died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2001, at her sister's home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was a cashier at Lopez Grocery.

Surviving are her husband, Robert; a son, Chris Keesler of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Melissa Aranda and Tammy Riley, both of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters, Rebecca and Renee Beard, both of Minnesota; her mothers, Eleanor Miller and Betty Lou Worman, both of Fort Wayne; a brother, James Worman Sr. of Fort Wayne; 10 sisters, Debbie Luna, Georgann Minnick, Loretta Lopez, Gloria Worman and Vickie Malott, all of Fort Wayne; Patricia Shaw of New Port Richie, Fla., Brenda Weaver and April Baker, both of Hicksville, Ohio, Paula Canter of Garrett and Sara Lowery of Huntertown; and five grandchildren.

Services are at 11 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Sister Bertha Maria Gohna

AVILLA — Sister Bertha Maria Gohna, 92, died at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2001, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was born April 10, 1908, in Danzig, Germany, to Michael and Bertha (Patock) Gohna.

Over a span of 65 years she was housekeeper at St. Mary's School in Avilla, St. Joseph School in Garrett, St. Joseph School in Fort Wayne and several places in other states. She had been back in Avilla since August 2000.

Surviving is a sister, Elizabeth Gohna of Yeagin, West Germany.

Two sisters and three brothers preceded her in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, with Father Daniel Leeuw officiating. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling is after 4 p.m. today at Provena Sacred Heart Home with a wake at 7 p.m.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, is in charge of arrangements.

Services Held

LIGONIER — Services for **Nadean Wellman**, 81, of Ligonier were at 1 p.m. Tuesday with the Rev. Brenda Ginder officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Pallbearers were her grandchildren: Terry Winebrenner, Nick Kruger, John Hamdin, Matt Prater, Brandon Wellman and Angela Stuzman. Honorary pallbearer was great-grandson Cabel Winebrenner.

Ronald Leitch

GRAND LEDGE, Mich. — Ronald J. Leitch, 75, died Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2001.

A retired supervisor of East Lansing State Bank, Mr. Leitch was a World War II Navy veteran and a member of the Grand Ledge Church of the Nazarene.

He was a Noble County native.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Sue Leitch of Grand Ledge; a daughter and son-in-law, Joanne Leitch-Ford and Gary Ford of Grand Ledge; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Donald and Robert Leitch; and three sisters, Cleo Harter, Laura Herendeen, and Tillie Keck; and several cousins in this area.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean, and a son, Larry.

Services are at 11:30 a.m. Friday at Grand Ledge Church of the Nazarene, with interment in Oakwood Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.

Memorials are to his church.

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Enno Richter

FLORENCE, S.C. — Enno H. Richter, 87, died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2001, at 9:20 a.m. in Commander Nursing Center in Florence, where he had been a patient for the last month.

Mr. Richter

He retired in 1973 as a machine operator at General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne, with 31 years of service. He had been a resident of Florence for over two years. He moved to Fort Wayne from Missouri as a youth and spent most of his life in Allen County. He and his wife spent winters in Orange City, Fla., for many years.

Mr. Richter was born May 6, 1913, in Whittenberg, Mo., to Joseph and Bertha (Vogel) Richter.

He married Eleanor H. Hollopeter on April 3, 1936, in Fort Wayne. She died Jan. 12, 1992.

Surviving him are a son and daughter-in-law, Stanley and Barbara Joan Richter of Auburn; his companion, Norma Austin of Florence; three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, one stepgrandchild, and a stepgreat-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by one son, Larry Richter; a great-grandson, Cory Lee; a stepgreat-granddaughter, Melinda Rybolt; and three brothers.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Lane Burgland of Faith Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Ruth Rensberger

GREENWOOD, S.C. — Ruth Rensberger, 89, formerly of Kendallville, died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2001, in Greenwood after a brief illness.

She had lived in Greenwood for the past several years.

She was born March 2, 1911, in Garrett to John D. and Cora (Frederick) Grimm. She married Sherman Casselman, who preceded her in death in 1971. In 1975 she married Harry Rensberger, who preceded her in death in 1976.

Surviving are a daughter, Carolyn Strom of Greenwood; a stepdaughter, Sharon Pankop of Cadiz, Ky.; a brother, Ralph Grimm of Arkansas; two grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Prudence Emmons, in 1991.

Memorials are to the piano fund at St. Mark United Methodist Church, 550 Highway 72, Bypass NW, Greenwood, SC 29649-1300.

Dorothea Tieman

FORT WAYNE — Dorothea H. Tieman, 79, died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2001, at home.

She was a Fort Wayne native and a homemaker.

Surviving are two sons, David of Albion and John "Tad" of Angola; four daughters, Leslie Adams of Avon, Michael Mary Johnston of Los Osos, Calif., Christine "Cricket" Shank of Mead, Wash., and Jamie Vaughn of Sparks, Nev.; a sister, Emily Robertson of Chesterton; and 11 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rahe J., in 1983.

Services are at 7 p.m. Monday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St.

Calling is from 4-7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Red Cross, Fort Wayne YMCA or the American Heart Association.

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Orville McDonald

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He was born Sept. 17, 1915, in Logan, W.Va., to Charles and Myrtle (Grubb) McDonald. He married Evelyn Blankenship on Aug. 14, 1948, in Prestonburg, Ky. She survives.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army during the Philippines campaign. He was a coal miner for 36 years and worked for Quick Tanks in Kendallville for three years.

He was a supporter of the Noble County Law Enforcement Association.

Surviving with his wife are three sons, Denzil, Kenneth and Eddie of Kendallville; two daughters, Linda Hurst and Reba Bardsley, both of Kendallville; a brother, Charles of Arton, Ky.; a sister, Christine Williamson of Prestonburg; 13 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Darrell, in 1986; and a sister, Anna Rose.

Services were at noon today at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with burial following at Lake View Cemetery.

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Carl Moser Sr.

ELKHART — Carl F. Moser, 64, died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2001, at 3:21 a.m. at Goshen General Hospital. He had been in failing health since September.

He had been a resident of Elkhart for 12 years after coming from Ligonier. He was a heavy equipment driver for Northern Indiana Construction for the last 11 years. He served in the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of the Bristol post of the American Legion. He enjoyed fishing.

He was born Sept. 17, 1936, in Ligonier to George and Polly (Huss) Moser. On Jan. 7, 1993, in Elkhart he married Sarah Lambright, who survives in Elkhart.

Also surviving are three sons, Carl F. Moser Jr. of Glendale, Ariz., Kevin Moser of Brea, Calif. and Bryan Moser of Jones, Mich.; a daughter, Sondra Martin of Edwards, Calif.; a stepson, Wayne Bennett of Elkhart; six brothers, George B. of Osceola, Howard of Syracuse, Rev. Gregg of Stockton, Calif., Richard and Kent of Ligonier and Brent of Pewamo, Mich.; eight sisters, Marlene Kimmel of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., Carolyn Ridenour of Middlebury, Phyllis Paler of Kapaa, Hawaii, Thelma Bryant of Hoolehua, Hawaii, Gwen Dallman of Ligonier, Diana Christner of Topeka, Dorothy Feltner of Hazard, Ky. and Denice Apple of Goshen; seven grandchildren; 37 nieces and nephews; 64 great-nieces and great-nephews; three great-great nieces and great-great-nephews; and two foster children, Devin and Keelean.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Gregg Moser officiating. Burial will be at Sumnerville Cemetery, Sumnerville, Mich., where military services will be held.

Calling is 3-6 p.m. Sunday at 3-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Treatment Center of America, Goshen, or Kenney Memorial Park, Ligonier.

Brian Cameron

HARTFORD CITY — Brian Dewayne Cameron, 33, died Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2001, at home.

He was born in Hartford City. He worked at Indiana Veneer, Montpelier, for two years.

Surviving are his mother, Thelma I. Cameron of Hartford City; three daughters, Taylor A. Cameron of Marion and Casandra L. and Sydney A. Cameron, both of Hartford City; two sons, Seth B. of Marion and Alex E. of Hartford City; two brothers, Rodney L. of Albion and Gregg A. of Hartford City; and a sister, Margaret A. Coles of Fort Wayne. His wife, Jennifer J., died Wednesday.

Services are at 2 p.m. Saturday at Keplinger Funeral Home, Hartford City. Burial will be at Union Cemetery, Eaton.

Calling is 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. today and two hours before the service Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family for funeral expense in care of the funeral home, 509 N. High St., Hartford City, IN 47348.

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Kathleen Frances "Connie" Greenman

GREEN VALLEY, Ariz. — Kathleen Frances "Connie" Greenman, 72, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2000, in Green Valley, Ariz.

She had lived in Kosciusko County for 72 years.

She was born Aug. 3, 1928, in Indianapolis, to Israel "Abe" Martin and Frances Wagoner. She married Max B. Greenman, a native of Kendallville, Oct. 13, 1951. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Greenman graduated from North Webster High School in 1946. She was a member of Lambda Chi Omega sorority, and was retired from the United Telephone Customer Relations Department after 15 years of service. She was also a member of the First United Methodist Church of Warsaw.

Surviving her are one daughter, Linda Brown of Aurora, Col.; one son, David Greenman of Irving, Texas; four grandchildren, David Gross-Brown, Rachael Gross-Brown, Hannah Gross-Brown, and Miles Greenman; one sister, Carol Sand of Green Valley, Ariz.; and two brothers, Walter Martin of Warsaw and Joe Martin of North Webster.

Services will be held today at 10 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Warsaw, with the Rev. Doug Johns officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Visitation was Friday at Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw.

Memorials are to Indiana University Foundation, care of Nicki Coleman, Indiana University Medical Center, 550 N. University Blvd. Suite 3124; Indianapolis, IN 46202-5266.

Lester Kimmel

LAKELAND, Fla. — Lester Kimmel, 75, died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2001, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in Lakeland, Fla.

He was a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service, and a member of the V.F.W., the John Birch Society, the American Baptist Charter of Lakeland, and the Made in the U.S.A. Foundation. Mr. Kimmel also served in the Army during World War II.

Kimmel

Mr. Kimmel was born Jan. 7, 1925, in Kendallville, where he lived for most of his life.

He was married for 17 years to his wife, Annie, who survives him.

Also surviving are two daughters, Patricia Eads of Fort Wayne, and Karen L. Chase of Kendallville; one son, William E. Chase of Orlando, Fla.; and three grandsons, Brandon L. Chase of Kendallville, and Kevin and Dennis Eads of Fort Wayne.

Services were held at the Lakeland Funeral Home Chapel, Jan. 11, 2001, with the Rev. Gene Eaton officiating. Burial was in Lakeland Memorial Gardens, Lakeland, Fla.

Memorials are to American Baptist Church of Lakeland.

Services Held

WOLCOTTVILLE — Services were held for **Bessie A. Miller**, Thursday, Jan. 18, 2001, at 11 a.m. at the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, Ashley, with the Rev. Jeff Fackler and the Rev. Allen Kahler officiating. Burial was in Fairfield Center Cemetery.

KENDALLVILLE — Services were held for **Orville K. McDonald** at noon Friday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Sam Sawyer officiating.

James Bean

LAOTTO — James L. Bean, 70, died Friday, Jan. 19, 2001, at 3:30 p.m. at his home in on County Road 550-South in rural LaOtto.

Mr. Bean had been employed by Lincoln National Life Insurance Co. for 28 years, retiring in 1985.

He served with the U.S. Navy in Korea. He was a member and elder emeritus of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Auburn; a past president of WBCCI and a member of FLMI and IMA.

He was born March 18, 1930, in Fort Wayne to Wyatt Abraham Bean and Olcy Jane (Stokes) Bean.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley A. (Noel) Bean; a son, Ronald A. Bean of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Teri Klefeker of Ossian; a brother, Edward D. Bean of Van Buren, Ark.; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne. The Rev. Milton Craig will officiate. Entombment will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Capital Improvement Fund, 910 N. Indiana Ave., Auburn IN 46706-0089.

Irene Houts

FORT WAYNE — Irene I. Houts, 96, died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2001, at 5 p.m. at her home.

Mrs. Houts was a dress shop manager for Miller's Department Store, and also worked for Sherman Washwear and Houts Color Center.

She was a member of Trinity English Lutheran Church of Fort Wayne, Wayne Temple of Pythian Sisters 432, American Legion Post 157 Auxiliary and the Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 136.

She was born July 2, 1904, in Howe, to William and Lena (Berns) Loetz.

On March 4, 1941, in Fort Wayne, she married Ralph G. Houts. He died in 1978.

Surviving are one brother and sister-in-law, William and Vera Loetz of Delphos, Ohio; five nieces and five nephews.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Richard E. Burres, in 1945; and four brothers.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Dr. C. James Cress officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is Tuesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity English Lutheran Church or the Shriners Hospital.

Andrew Smith

ANGOLA — Andrew James "A.J." Smith was stillborn Friday, Jan. 19, 2001, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

He is survived by his parents, Dan and Stacy (Greenamyer) Smith of Angola; one brother, Austin Michael Smith, at home; maternal grandparents, John and Connie Greenamyer of Angola; paternal grandparents, Denny and Karen Baker of St. Joe; and great-grandparents Jesse and Margaret Greenamyer of Angola and Ray and Margaret Hartman and Harriet Baker, all of St. Joe.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Adell M. White

FORT WAYNE — Adell M. White, 41, an Auburn native, died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2001, in Fort Wayne.

She was a teacher at Kekionga Middle School in Fort Wayne Community Schools. She was actively involved at the campus of Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne and was a member of Faith Baptist Church. She was listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Surviving are her husband, Rick L.; three daughters, Angela, Sarah and Lindsey White, all of Fort Wayne; her mother, Brooks Jackson of New Haven; and two sisters, Janet Garcia of Fort Wayne and Jill Paetow of Plainfield.

Her father, Thomas Jackson, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral

Memorials are to the I.P. Foundation-Adell M. White Scholarship Fund.

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John Maggart Sr.

BLUFFTON — John M. Maggart Sr., 74, died Friday, Jan. 19, 2001, at his home.

A Columbia City native, he was a World War II veteran who served in northern France from 1944 to 1947. He was a member of American Legion Post 111.

He worked for Renner's Express for 20 years before retiring in 1985, and was a member of Reiffsburg United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mona; one son, John M. of Angola; one daughter, Michelle Caccamo of Keystone; one sister, Wanda Armantrout of Huntington; three grandchildren and tree great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Goodwin Memorial Chapel, Bluffton. Burial will be at Six Mile Cemetery.

Calling is today from noon until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Southern Wells High School band.

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Calling is today from 3-6 p.m. and Monday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Treatment Center of America, Goshen, or Kenney Memorial Park, Ligonier.

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Rev. Gerhard Kretzmann

KENDALLVILLE — The Rev. Gerhard R. Kretzmann, 84, died at 4:45 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, 2001, at Parkview Noble hospital, Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Audrey Luther

ALBION — Audrey L. Luther, 78, of Albion died at 2:40 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, 2001, in Provena Sacred Heart Home of Avilla.

Mrs. Luther

She was born to Alva and Ethel (Pippenger) McCoy on Oct. 8, 1922, in Green Center.

She retired from Dana Corp., Churubusco, in 1988.

Survivors include a daughter, Charleen Donley of Fort Wayne; a sister, Patty Uhl of Florida; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Luther, in 1961; a sister; and two brothers.

Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at Orr Funeral Home, Albion, with Tom Novy officiating. A private burial will follow in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Dorothy Allen

FORT WAYNE — Dorothy F. Allen, 75, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Jan. 20, 2001, in Renaissance Village.

On Aug. 29, 1925, she was born in Pocatello, Idaho.

She was a homemaker, owned Dorothy's Cake Decorating for 15 years, was a teacher's aide with the Fort Wayne Community Schools for nine years, a Bell Telephone operator for 10 years and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Mrs. Allen enjoyed ceramics, reading, travel, shopping trips and cooking.

Surviving are three daughters, Kathy Block, North Manchester, and Romona Tolbert and Patricia Allen, both of Fort Wayne; five sons, Frank and Jack Allen, both of Kendallville, Jeffrey Allen, Wolcottville, and Roman and Donald Allen, both of Fort Wayne; a sister, Donna Croy, Midland, Texas; 14 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Roman, preceded her in death in 1996.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at C.M. Sloan and Sons Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Soup Kitchen or Renaissance Village Nursing Home.

Geraldine Sevits

FREMONT — Geraldine A. (Vose) Sevits, 79, of Fremont, died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2001, in Ashley.

Mrs. Sevits was a homemaker and worked at Kaiser's Grocery Store in Fremont for 15 years. She also worked at Dana-Weatherhead in Angola for 10 years. She was a member of Fairview Missionary Church in Angola and enjoyed working in her yard on her flowers.

She was born Oct. 19, 1921, in Hamilton to Gerald and Alma A. (Jordan) Vose.

She married Henry D. Sevits on May 7, 1939. He died in 1989.

Surviving her are two daughters and one son-in-law, Carolyn and Gene Noll of Ashley, and Pam Cary of Decatur; one sister, Wilma Sevits of Fremont; five grandchildren, Kim Young, Kirk Noll, Kelli Moore, Michele Davis and Brent Strickler; and three great-grandchildren, Christopher, Corey and Cody Moore.

Her parents, one sister and one brother preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Ray Miller officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Fairview Missionary Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

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Linda Brumbaugh

GARRETT — Linda Lou Brumbaugh, 59, died Friday, Jan. 19, 2001, at 7 p.m. at her home in rural Garrett.

Mrs. Brumbaugh was a homemaker. She was a member of the Cedar Creek Church in Garrett and a member and co-founder of the Happy Chicks Home Demonstration Club.

She was born March 6, 1941, in Garrett, to James Myles and Phyllis A. (Smith) Hixson.

On Aug. 29, 1959, in Garrett, she married Francis "Gene" Brumbaugh. He died Feb. 21, 1997.

Surviving are three sons, Scot Alan Brumbaugh of Garrett, Douglas Gene Brumbaugh and his wife, Vicki, of Garrett, and Richard Paul Brumbaugh and his fiancee, Elizabeth Pitonyak, of San Diego, Calif.; three brothers, Larry Hixson of Auburn and Ray Hixson and Carl Hixson, both of Garrett; two sisters, Norma Fry of St. Joe and Connie Clark of Avilla; and three granddaughters, Alisha, Amanda and Amber Brumbaugh.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Dr. Glen Mulligan officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Patrick Bruce

ORLANDO, Fla. — A memorial service for Patrick Eugene Bruce, 39, who died Saturday, Jan. 6, 2001, in Orlando, Fla., will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at Rome City United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Harold T. North officiating.

He was born May 4, 1961, in Kendallville to J. Robert and Marcia C. Bruce.

He was a 1980 graduate of East Noble High School where he was active in theater and choir. He received a bachelor of science degree in speech communications with a minor in theater from Ball State University. Mr. Bruce made his home in Orlando pursuing one of his many dreams, which included performing at Walt Disney World.

He is survived by his father, of Kendallville; three sisters, Tina Bherns of Rome City, and Laura Spadoni and Jeana Dowd of Plano, Texas; four brothers, Rob and Michael Bruce of Rome City, Timothy of South Milford, and Joel of El Paso, Texas; six nieces; four nephews; and aunts, uncles, cousins and friends all over the United States.

His mother preceded him in death.

Preferred memorials are to the East Noble Theatre Department and the East Noble Show Choir.

Services Held

WOLCOTTVILLE — Services for **Bessie A. Miller** were held Thursday at Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, Ashley. The Rev. Jeff Fackler and the Rev. Allen Kahler officiated. Burial was in Fairfield Center Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Eddie Miller, Dennis Miller, Douglas Miller, Karl Bock, Michael Miller and Max Miller. Honorary pallbearers were James Miller, Jamie Storms, Mike Mullen, Brett Faulkner and Bill Akey.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Orville K. McDonald** were held Friday at noon at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Sam Sawyer officiated.

Pallbearers were Denzil McDonald, Eddie McDonald, Steven McDonald, Brian Hurst, Rex Beardsley Sr. and Rex Beardsley Jr.

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Deaths/Funerals

(The following obituary is being reprinted to correct calling hours.)

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at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness. No calling.

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Services Thursday for Rev. G

KENDALLVILLE — The Rev. Gerhard R. Kretzmann, a Kendallville native who served the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod for 40 years before retiring to his hometown in 1982, died at 4:45 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, 2001, at Parkview Noble hospital, Kendallville.

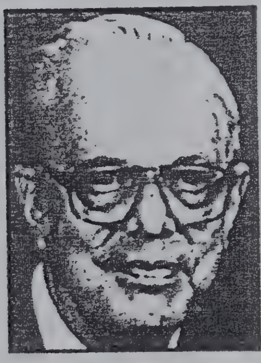
The Rev. Kretzmann, 84, had been in failing health since September.

He was born April 13, 1916, in Kendallville, to the Rev. Martin and Elizabeth (Wessel) Kretzmann. His father was pastor of St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville, for 45 years.

The Rev. Kretzmann began his schooling at St. John Lutheran School. In the ninth grade he moved to Concordia Junior College, Fort Wayne, then to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.

He graduated from the seminary in 1941 and was ordained and installed as pastor of Valley Lutheran Church in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, on Jan. 4, 1942.

On Jan. 11, following his first sermon, he took a train to Kendallville, arriving just in time to marry Elizabeth Pfaffman at a 5 p.m. ceremony. She preceded him in death Feb. 17, 1991.



Rev. Kretzmann

During his nearly 40-year ministry in Greater Cleveland, the Rev. Kretzmann served at the circuit and district level as well as with several Lutheran agencies. In 1952, he helped establish a preaching mission in Mantua, Ohio, and aided in launching three other missions of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod: Our Redeemer in Solon, Ohio, Peace in Chardon, Ohio, and St. Mark in Chesterland, Ohio.

In 1965, he became pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Independence, Ohio, and was later installed as pastor of Concordia Lutheran Church in Independence, Ohio, when the two congregations merged.

Following retirement in 1982, he and his wife returned to Kendallville to live in the home that once belonged to her grandfather.

The Rev. Kretzmann then served as interim pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville until the arrival of the Rev. Paul Griebel and continued to serve as part-time visitation pastor for the next six years.

He belonged to the Young at Heart Club at St. John Lutheran.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ann Elizabeth and Steve Hansen of Eagle, Colo.; four sons and a daughter-in-law, Walter Gerhard Kretzmann of Marshall-

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town, Iowa, James Eric and Kris Kretzmann of Mansfield, Ohio, Martin Joel Kretzmann of Denver, Colo., and Kurt Arthur Kretzmann of Fort Mitchell, Ky.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Elfrieda and Charles Sudhoff of Pekin, Ill., and Erna Fenker of LaPorte; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Also preceding him in death were two brothers, Martin and Alfred.

Services are at 2 p.m. Thursday at St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville, with calling an hour before services. Calling is als Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Ker dallville. Burial will be in Lak View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to St. Joh Lutheran Church or to Shepherd the Hill, Kendallville.

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Steven Schloss

CHURUBUSCO — Steven R. Schloss, 40, of Churubusco died Monday, Jan. 22, 2001, at home.

He was born in Fort Wayne on Nov. 4, 1960, to Robert and Carolyn Schloss.

He worked at Ligonier Telephone Co. and was a manager at Heartland Satellite Co. and a chief negotiator for Intertelecom Co.

Schloss was a member of Church of the Lamb, a National Rural Telecommunications Corp. representative in the Indiana Telecommunications Association, and a member of Maxwell Welton and Eel River golf clubs.

Surviving are his wife, Terri L. (Secaur) Schloss of Churubusco; three children, Abbey, Steve and Charlie, all at home; his father and stepmother, Dr. Robert and Shelley Schloss, of Fort Wayne; his mother, Carolyn Schloss of Fort Wayne; his mother- and father-in-law, Nick and Carla Secaur of Decatur; three brothers, Phil of Durham, N.C., Bob of Wabash, and Daniel of Fort Wayne; and three sisters, Krista Schloss, Susan Koenemann and Elizabeth Schloss, all of Fort Wayne.

Services are at 1 p.m. Thursday at Broadway Christian Church on the corner of West Wayne Street and Broadway, Fort Wayne, with calling immediately after services. Graveside services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice or SCAN Children's Garden.

Arrangements by Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel.

Anna Foote

HUNTERTOWN — Anna M. Foote, 83, died early on the morning of Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2001, at her Huntertown home.

She retired in 1979 as an elementary teacher at Huntertown Elementary School, with 41 years of service. She was a lifelong resident of Huntertown and member of the Huntertown United Methodist Church.

She graduated from Huntertown High School in 1935 and later completed her education at the former Central Normal College in Danville, Ind.

Miss Foote was born July 23, 1917, at Wallen in Allen County to Clarence and Catherine (Bowser) Foote. They preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one brother and sister-in-law, Lawrence E. and Margaret Foote of Rome City, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Helen and Mabel Foote, and three brothers, Herbert, Willard and Alfred Foote.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Timothy Terrell, associate pastor of Huntertown United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is today from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

Services Held

LIGONIER — Services for Carl F. Moser Sr., 64, of Elkhart were held at 11 a.m Tuesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Gregg Moser officiating. Burial was in Sumnerville Cemetery, Sumnerville, Mich.

Pallbearers were: Mark Hambright, Greg Baker, Greg Badger, Eric Moser, Scott Christner, David Ridenour and Adam Moser.

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Robert Hollister

FORT WAYNE — Robert D. Hollister, 85, died Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born in Detroit. He owned Holly Auto Parts for 42 years and worked at Foster Park Golf Course for 26 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Ginny; four daughters, Diane Marbaugh of Albion, Judi Sauer and Ginny Ricks, both of Fort Wayne, and Pattie Hollister of San Diego; a son, Russ Hollister of Ossian; a brother, Donald N. Hollister of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery with military graveside rites by the U.S. Army.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the World War II Memorial or First Baptist Church.

William Moore

LIGONIER — William S. "Bill" Moore, 83, of Ligonier, died at 11:50 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, 2001, at Goshen General Hospital. He had been in failing health for the last six months.

He was born Sept. 24, 1917, in New Castle, Pa.

Surviving are his wife, a son and two daughters.

Arrangements are pending at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

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William Moore

LIGONIER — William S. (Bill) Moore, 83, of Ligonier, died at 11:50 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, 2001, in Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

He had been in failing health since June.

On Sept. 24, 1917, in New Castle, Penn., he was born to William Glenn and Carrie Elizabeth (Stevenson) Moore. On April 18, 1944, he married Virginia Louer in New Castle, Penn. She survives.

Mr. Moore had been a resident of Ligonier since 1949.

He had been a radio operator for the Indiana State Police from 1941 to 1963, and then worked for Emergency Radio Service as a technician.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a Seaman 2nd Class.

The Ligonier Presbyterian Church member was a member of the Ligonier American Legion Post 243, the 21 Repeater Group, Pioneers of Indiana State Police and Morning Milers.

He served as Elder and Deacon of Ligonier Presbyterian Church, and was a licensed Ham radio operator since high school.

Mr. Moore enjoyed reading and gardening.

Surviving in addition to his wife are: a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Jackie Moore, Benton Harbor, Mich.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Patricia Moore, Logansport, and Gail and Robert Parish, Greensboro, N.C.; two sisters, Grace Eleen (Pep) Spiers and Delores (Dee) Kerr, both of New Castle, Penn.; four grandchildren, Elizabeth, Christopher and William Parish, and Heather Whaley; and one great-grandchild, Tessa Whaley.

A granddaughter, Heidi Moore, and a great-grandson, Tyler, preceded him in death.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday in Ligonier Presbyterian Church with the Revs. William and Susan Bernauer officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Memorials are to SIM-USA or Ligonier Presbyterian Church.

Theodore Mowat

ELKHART — Theodore James Mowat, 63, of Elkhart, died at 1:32 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, 2001, in Elkhart General Hospital, Elkhart.

On Jan. 19, 1938, he was born in White Pigeon, Mich., to Theodore Warren Mowat and Uteve Lottie James Mowat.

Mr. Mowat was a U.S. Navy veteran, and a member of the Ligonier American Legion Post 243, the Elkhart Disabled American Veterans Chapter 19 and the Ligonier Church of Christ. He was a Goshen High School graduate.

Surviving are: a son, Thomas Warren Mowat; four sisters, Leota E. Long of Cromwell, and Earlis C. Rex, Alice U. Johnson and Lynne Douglas, all of Ligonier; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be 10 a.m. Monday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with Bro. Fred Walls officiating. Burial will follow in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell, with military gravesite rites by American Legion Post 243.

Calling is from 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Donations may be made to the family.

Larry Adams

MADISONVILLE, TENN. — Larry Keith Adams, Sr., 60, of Madisonville, Tenn., died at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, 2001, at his

He was the son of the late John Quincy and Margaret Caudill Adams.

Mr. Adams was retired from the U.S. Navy and a member of Notchey Creek Baptist Church.

Surviving are: his wife, Norma Stakely Adams; a daughter, Donna Powell-Bartow, of Florida; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Larry Adams Jr., both of Winter Haven, Fla., and Robin and Bebe Adams, of Greenville, S.C.; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Hazel Lois and Wilson Owsley, Vest, Ky., Anna Joyce and Orville Huff, Wawaka, and Betty Karen and Arnold Roberts, Kendallville; a brother and two sisters-in-law, James Everett and Patricia Adams, Madisonville, Tenn., and Mildred Adams, Wawaka; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; three step-children, Jodi Gibson and Josh Stakely and his wife Selv, all of Madisonville, Tenn., and Jason Stakelyof Athens, Tenn.; five step-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Two brothers, Billy Royce Adams and Cecil Caudill, preceded him in death.

Services are 8 p.m. today at Biereley-Hale Chapel, Madisonville, Tenn., with Rev. Gale Millen and Dr. Joe Brown officiating. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Sunday in Notchey Creek Cemetery.

Calling is today from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Mary Ellen Fraze

KENDALLVILLE — Mary Ellen Fraze, 81, died at 10:35 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2001, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville. She had been in failing health for two weeks.

She was born to Malcolm and Metha (Mertz) Fraze on Oct. 18, 1919, in Kendallville.

A 1937 graduate of Kendallville High School, she was an executive secretary for Medical Protective Life Insurance Co. of Fort Wayne, retiring in 1984.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville, and a past member of B.P.W. of Kendallville, Beta Sigma Phi and the National Secretarial Association.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, James and Shirley Fraze of Kendallville; a niece, Cindy Vanwinkle of San Marcos, Texas; and a nephew, Stan Fraze of Fort Wayne.

Services are at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will follow in Lakeview Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church or Shepherd of the Hill.

Edna Bill

FORT WAYNE — Edna Mae Bill, 82, died Tuesday at Byron Health Center.

Born in Decatur, Mich., she worked in retail sales in the Fort Wayne area.

Surviving are a son, Thomas E. of Fort Wayne; a brother, Gordon Clark of Kendallville; a sister, Violet Riddle of Fort Wayne; and a grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter, in 1975.

Services are at 11 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with burial in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is an hour before services.

Memorials are to Shriners Children's Hospital or Our Hope Lutheran Church, Huntertown.

Stanley Embry

PLEASANT LAKE — Stanley A. Embry, 64, of Pleasant Lake, died Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2001, at his residence.

Mr. Embry was an auto mechanic and retired from McNamara's Car Corner, Pleasant Lake, in January 2000.

He was born Oct. 14, 1936, in Hillsboro, Ala., to Theodore R. and Irene (Jones) Embrey.

On Aug. 23, 1980, he married Sharon (Smith) Embry, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Michael Embry of St. Clair Shores, Mich.; a daughter, Susan St. John of Clinton Township, Mich.; three stepsons, Keith Gravlin of Sugar Hill, Ga., Chris Gravlin of Warren, Mich., and Danny Gravlin of Peru; two stepdaughters, Tammy Moore of Marysville, Mich., and Kelly McMahan of Cartersville, Ga.; four sisters, Cullie Nall of Clawson, Mich., Sue Farris of Tuscon, Ariz., Mildred Gunter of Eddyville, Ky., and Linda Vincent of Central City, Ky.; and 15 grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. George Foulk and the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Myrtle Waite

ANGOLA — Myrtle E. Waite, 89, of Angola, died Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2001, at Byron Health Center, Fort Wayne.

She was the owner-operator of Oak Grove Grocery and Resort from 1946-63. She was a member of Flint United Methodist Church and the Angola Women of the Moose.

She was born June 9, 1911, in Baltimore, Ohio, to Andrew and Minnie (Sharp) Barnhouse.

Surviving are a son, the Rev. Marcus Proehl of Plainfield; a stepdaughter, Edyth Courtright of Angola; a sister, Daisy Stairhime of Hamilton; two grandchildren, nine stepgrandchildren, five great-grandchidren, two great-great-grandchildren and several step-great-grandchildren and stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Perry Waite, on March 16, 1980; a grandson, Steven Proehl; a stepson, Lorin Waite; a stepdaughter, Burdella Brown; two sisters, Thelma Locke and Ada Swinehart; and a brother, Roland Camp.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Steven Brittenham officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Russell Artley

LIGONIER — Russell D. Artley, 80, died Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2001, at 6:05 p.m. at Oakleaf Village, Ligonier.

He was a lifetime area resident. He worked in maintenance and construction for Northern Indiana Public Service Co. (NIPSCO), retiring in 1980 after 33 years. He attended People's Bible Church in Benton. He served in the Pacific in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was born Nov. 10, 1920, in Bristol to Roy and Dorothy (Brooks) Artley. In Ligonier on May 19, 1951, he married Naomi Hoover, who survives.

Also surviving are a stepson, Donald D. Hoover of Albion; a sister, Viola Stone of Mishawaka; a brother, Roy Artley Jr. of New Buffalo, Mich.; four stepgrandchildren and nine stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Lucille Bodrick and Velma Sanford, and three brothers, Rollie, Randall and Robert Artley.

Services are at 10 a.m. Monday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, with the Rev. John Randolph of People's Bible Church officiating. Burial will be at Violett Cemetery, Goshen.

Calling is 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Sandra Thompson

KENDALLVILLE — Sandra L. Thompson, 58, died Monday, Jan. 15, 2001, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Formerly of Rogers, Ark., she moved to Kendallville one year ago to be near her daughter. She had a master's degree in education and taught middle school in Arkansas and Illinois for 21 years. She was highly active in search and rescue activities in Arkansas.

She was born June 4, 1942, in Palos Heights, Ill., to Willis Allen, who survives there.

Surviving with her father are two daughters and a son-in-law, Kim and Eric Clapp of Kendallville and Kathy Swanson of San Antonio, Texas; a son, Dennis Swanson of Searcy, Ark.; and three grandchildren.

Memorial services are Saturday at 4 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will be at a later date.

Ernest Roberts Jr.

ANGOLA — Ernest Roberts Jr., 76, died on the morning of Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2001, iat his Angola home.

He was a farm implement repairman.

Mr. Roberts was born Aug. 7, 1924, in Mercer County, Ohio, to Ernest Roberts Sr. and Bessie Harriett (Adelblue) Roberts.

Surviving him are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Ken and Krista Roberts of Warminster, Pa., Tony and Debbie Roberts of Camden, Mich., Gary Roberts of Huntsville, Ohio, and Robin Roberts of Russells Point, Ohio; one daughter, Marie Elaine Roberts of Russells Point; one brother, Richard Roberts of Angola; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Juanita Brown of Ohio City, Ohio, and Sue and John Mullins of Howe; his former wife, Marie (Dunn) Roberts of Russells Point; 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two children, Jerry and Sandra Roberts; two brothers, Maurice Vaughn Roberts and Robert Roberts; and one sister, Ernestine Alice Webster.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Cowan & Son Funeral Home, Van Wert, Ohio, with the Rev. Douglas Stockton. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Ohio City.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Verna Baker

AVILLA — Verna L. Baker, 89, died Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2001, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

She was a homemaker who had lived in Avilla for six years.

She was born July 22, 1911, in Three Rivers, Mich., to George and Rhonda (Arnold) Beidler. In 1942 in Three Rivers, she married Lester Baker, who preceded her in death in 1986.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Jean Mills, on Jan. 26, 1998; two brothers; and a sister.

Surviving are a son, Wayne Baker of Middletown, Ky., and four grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with the Rev. Lois Watkins officiating. Burial will be at Nottawa Cemetery, Nottawa, Mich.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

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He had been in failing health since June.

On Sept. 24, 1917, in New Castle, Penn., he was born to William Glenn and Carrie Elizabeth (Stevenson) Moore. On April 18, 1944, he married Virginia Louer in New Castle, Penn. She survives.

Mr. Moore had been a resident of Ligonier since 1949.

He had been a radio operator for the Indiana State Police from 1941 to 1963, and then worked for Emergency Radio Service as a technician.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a Seaman 2nd Class.

The Ligonier Presbyterian Church member was a member of the Ligonier American Legion Post 243, the 21 Repeater Group, Pioneers of Indiana State Police and Morning Milers.

He served as Elder and Deacon of Ligonier Presbyterian Church, and was a licensed Ham radio operator since high school.

Mr. Moore enjoyed reading and gardening.

Surviving in addition to his wife are: a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Jackie Moore, Benton Harbor, Mich.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Patricia Moore, Logansport, and Gail and Robert Parish, Greensboro, N.C.; two sisters, Grace Eleen (Pep) Spiers and Delores (Dee) Kerr, both of New Castle, Penn.; four grandchildren, Elizabeth, Christopher and William Parish, and Heather Whaley; and one great-grandchild, Tessa Whaley.

A granddaughter, Heidi Moore, and a great-grandson, Tyler, preceded him in death.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday in Ligonier Presbyterian Church with the Revs. William and Susan Bernauer officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Memorials are to SIM-USA or Ligonier Presbyterian Church.

Theodore Mowat

ELKHART — Theodore James Mowat, 63, of Elkhart, died at 1:32 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, 2001, in Elkhart General Hospital, Elkhart.

On Jan. 19, 1938, he was born in White Pigeon, Mich., to Theodore Warren Mowat and Uteve Lottie James Mowat.

Mr. Mowat was a U.S. Navy veteran, and a member of the Ligonier American Legion Post 243, the Elkhart Disabled American Veterans Chapter 19 and the Ligonier Church of Christ. He was a Goshen High School graduate.

Surviving are: a son, Thomas Warren Mowat; four sisters, Leota E. Long of Cromwell, and Earlis C. Rex, Alice U. Johnson and Lynne Douglas, all of Ligonier; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be 10 a.m. Monday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with Bro. Fred Walls officiating. Burial will follow in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell, with military gravesite rites by American Legion Post 243.

Calling is from 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Donations may be made to the family.

Larry Adams

MADISONVILLE, TENN. — Larry Keith Adams, Sr., 60, of Madisonville, Tenn., died at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, 2001, at his

He was the son of the late John Quincy and Margaret Caudill Adams.

Mr. Adams was retired from the U.S. Navy and a member of Notchey Creek Baptist Church.

Surviving are: his wife, Norma Stakely Adams; a daughter, Donna Powell-Bartow, of Florida; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Larry Adams Jr., both of Winter Haven, Fla., and Robin and Bebe Adams, of Greenville, S.C.; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Hazel Lois and Wilson Owsley, Vest, Ky., Anna Joyce and Orville Huff, Wawaka, and Betty Karen and Arnold Roberts, Kendallville; a brother and two sisters-in-law, James Everett and Patricia Adams, Madisonville, Tenn., and Mildred Adams, Wawaka; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; three step-children, Jodi Gibson and Josh Stakely and his wife Selv, all of Madisonville, Tenn., and Jason Stakelyof Athens, Tenn.; five step-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Two brothers, Billy Royce Adams and Cecil Caudill, preceded him in death.

Services are 8 p.m. today at Biereley-Hale Chapel, Madisonville, Tenn., with Rev. Gale Millen and Dr. Joe Brown officiating. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Sunday in Notchey Creek Cemetery.

Calling is today from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Dr. Leslie Willig, retired Tri-State official, dies at 74

FORT WAYNE — Dr. Leslie A. Willig, 74, former executive vice president of Tri-State University, Angola, and retired director of the Fort Wayne Purdue University Center, died Friday at Parkview Hospital.

Dr. Willig, who was one of the key developers of Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, had also served as an associate professor of the Fort Wayne Purdue University Center.

From 1960 to 1970, Dr. Willig was executive vice president of Tri-State University. He was owner and president of Willig Management since 1970.

In 1997, Dr. Willig retired from Photo Control Corp., in Minneapolis, Minn., where he had served as chairman of the board and chief executive officer.

Dr. Willig co-founded the Science Education Foundation of Indiana, which provides college scholarships and major financial support to science fairs in Indiana.

He was a Navy veteran and a member of the Naval Reserve for 33 years, serving as the group commander of the Fort Wayne region.

Survivors include his wife, Deborah; three sisters, Eleanor Hilker of Monroe, Mich., and Ivon Willig and Audrey Close, both of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Connie Roberts Hansen of Elkhart, Dr. Diana Osborne of New Haven, Rosanne Johnson of Redmond, Wash., and Laura Wells of Portage; a son, Larry Willig of Dallas; a stepson, Chris Nixon of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1100 S. Calhoun St., with calling one hour before services.

Calling also is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with a vigil at 4:30 p.m. today.

Memorials are to the Science Education Foundation of Indiana.

Bonnie Marshall

ALBION — Bonnie M. Marshall, 86, died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2001, in Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Marshall was a housewife and worked at McCray Memorial Hospital for 16 years. She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Kendallville.

Born Dec. 16, 1914, in Albion to Perry W. and Orilla Nicodemus Coe, she married Paul J. Marshall in Albion on Sept. 11, 1933. He died Sept. 12, 1992.

Surviving are a daughter, Vivian Edwards of Columbia City; two sons, Philip R. Marshall of Wolcottville and Steven P. Marshall of Albion; a sister, Eva Ravenscroft of Albion; a brother, Harold Coe of Albion; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Her parents, two brothers, and two sons, James D. and Glenn A. Marshall, preceded her in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Church of the Nazarene in Kendallville. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Wayne Rowe

CROMWELL — Wayne R. Rowe, 68, of Cromwell died at his residence Saturday, Jan. 27, 2001, at 12:40 a.m., after an illness of one year.

A lifetime area resident, Mr. Rowe was a conductor with Conrail Railroad and a member of Faith Assembly Church in Warsaw.

He was born June 2, 1932, in Elkhart, to Marion Russell and Sylvia (Eller) Rowe. He married Sandra May (Bradburn) Hayden on Jan. 1, 1983, in Elkhart and she survive.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Robert Rowe of Marion and Larry Rowe of Orland, Calif.; three stepsons, Billy Hayden of South Bend, Larry Hayden of Auburn, and Ed Hayden of Warsaw; a stepdaughter, Terri Lynn of South Bend; four brothers, Bob Rowe of Elkhart, Clifford Rowe of Syracuse, Delbert Rowe of Newport Richie, Fla., and Jack Rowe of Chesterfield; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Harold and Virginia Glassburn of Middlebury, Dale and Phyllis Tarpe of Bristol, and Ralph and Delores Thorp, and Jim and Regina Shank, all of Elkhart; three grandchildren; and 10 stepgrandchildren.

Graveside services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier, with Joe Brenneman officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Funeral arrangements were made by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

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Ruth Giggy

LAGRANGE — Ruth Giggy, 85, of LaGrange, died at 8:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in LaGrange.

Mrs. Giggy was born Sept. 5, 1915, in Darke County, Ohio, to Oscar and Ella (Teboe) Dellinger. On Dec. 2, 1935, she married Keith Giggy, and he died in 1998.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-laws, Patricia Cortez of Littleton, Colo., Phyllis and Larry Cooper of Middlebury, and Norman and Barbara Smith of Howe; four sons, Norman of Howe, Norris of Portage, Mich., and Gary and Warren, both of Sturgis, Mich.; a brother, Lester Dellinger of Angola; 19 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Bruce, in 1969; a grandson, Brice in 1985; a brother, Bill Dellinger, and four sisters, Audrey Gushwa, Edna Hire, Mary Staton and Fern Boals.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Rodger Moyer officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Sturgis Evangelical Church.

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Earlis Rex

LIGONIER — Earlis C. Rex, 67, a life-long resident of Ligonier, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2001, at St. Joe Regional Medical Center, South Bend, following an extended illness.

She was born Oct. 15, 1933, in White Pigeon, Mich., to Theodore and Uteve (James) Mowat. She was a graduate of Ligonier High School. She worked at Millennium Industries, Ligonier.

Mrs. Rex was a member of Ligonier Church of Christ and an avid bingo enthusiast. She was a charter member of the first crew for Noble County Emergency Medical Services, Unit 5.

In March 1955, she married Richard R. Rex in Goshen. He died Jan. 30, 1966.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Gregory and Sherron Rex of Cromwell and Richard and Donna Rex of Oxnard, Calif.; a daughter-in-law, Trudy; three sisters, Leota E. Long of Cromwell, Alice U. Johnson of Ligonier, and Lynne Douglass of Wolf Lake; seven grandchildren, Brandie, Heather, Lacy, Shannon, Jonathan, Doug and Chad; and five great-grandchildren, Alexandria, Ashlen, Ean, Gregory and Cameron.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Theodore Mowat.

Services are 9 a.m. Wednesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with burial in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Noble County EMS.

Herman Yeager

DELAND, Fla. — Herman E. Yeager, 87, of Orange City, Fla., formerly of Wawaka, died at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, 2001, in Deland, Fla.

He was born July 21, 1913, in Noble County. Survivors include two sons and a daughter.

Services are pending at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Maudie Graber

CENTREVILLE, Mich. — Maudie Graber, 82, of Centreville, Mich., died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2001, at her home. She had been in declining health with cancer.

Mrs. Graber was born July 18, 1918, in Mio, Mich., to Dave and Katie (Jantzi) Kauffman. She lived in the Centreville area since 1946. She was a member of the Marion Mennonite Church. She taught Bible school and was active in Mennonite women's sewing.

On June 1, 1941, she married Ezra Graber in Middlebury. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Wanda Hagenbuch of Bristol and Judy Eash of Grand Rapids, Mich.; two sons, Merlin Graber of Spring Hill, Fla., and Donald Graber of Constantine, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Fannie Eash, Barbara Frye and Adeline and Same Graber, all of Middlebury; two brothers, Alvin Kauffman of Middlebury and Henry Kauffman of Sarasota, Fla.

Preceding her in death is a daughter, Verla Jane Graber, two brothers, Floyd and Lewis Kauffman; and a sister, Mamie Riegsecker.

Services are 2 p.m. Wednesday at First Mennonite Church, Middlebury, with the Rev. Brian Arbuckle of the Marion Mennonite Church, Shipshewana, officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, Goshen.

Calling is at the church from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the Marion Mennonite Church building fund.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Patricia Clark

AUBURN — Patricia J. Clark, 75, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2001, at 4:09 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Clark retired in 1991 after 20 years of service as clerk-treasurer of the City of Auburn. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, Kenwigs literary club, and Auburn Improvement Association.

She was active with the DeKalb County Fair Association board and was in charge of the industrial tent at the DeKalb County Fair. She was a 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star Chapter 103 in Auburn, and was a past worthy matron of the Kendallville OES. She lived in Auburn, but was raised in Kendallville.

She was born July 17, 1925, in Fremont to John and Alma (Jansen) Page.

She married Leonard Clark on June 23, 1951, in Kendallville. He survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Jeannette Clark of Naperville, Ill.; one daughter and son-in-law, Sheryl and Jesse Knowles of Auburn; and six grandchildren, Jonathan, Kelly and Michael Knowles, Greg Lindsay, and Timothy and Katelyn Clark.

A brother, James Page, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. William Kaster officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society, or DeKalb Memorial Home Health Care.

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Phillip Shelly

LAGRANGE — Phillip D. Shelly, 80, died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

He was born Jan. 19, 1921, in LaGrange County to Vern E. and Margaret J. (McCoy) Shelly. He was a farmer and formerly lived in Osceola. He was a member of the LaGrange Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by a brother, Lloyd E. Shelly of Howe; a sister, Dorothy Crumb of South Bend; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Diane Cusamano officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Epilepsy Foundation of America.

Jose Angel de la Torre

KENDALLVILLE — Jose Angel de la Torre, 29, died at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, 2001, at his residence.

He was born Nov. 28, 1971, in Aguascalientes, Mexico. He had lived in Kendallville two months, coming from Oklahoma where he had lived six months, and previous to that, he lived in Mexico.

He worked at Colwell Merchandising Inc., Kendallville, as a laborer.

Surviving are his parents, Perfecto and Ramona (Rosales) de la Torre of Aguascalientes; a fiancee, Maria del Rosario of Kendallville; two sons, Jose Angel, 6, of Ligonier, and Jose Reyes, 4, of Aguascalientes; two daughters, Berenize de la Torre, 3, and a 7-month-old daughter whose name is unknown, both of Aguascalientes; three brothers, Benito, Perfecto and Betnino de la Torre, all of Aguascalientes; and five sisters, Maria del Rosario, Dolores Delgado, Maria del Ludres Delgado, Gabriela Delgado and Maribel Delgado, all of Aguascalientes.

No local visitation or services are planned. Burial will be in Pilotos Asientos in Las Cumbres No. 1, Aguascalientes.

Barbara Oliver

KENDALLVILLE — Barbara J. Oliver, 71, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital. Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Barbara Oliver

KENDALLVILLE — Barbara I. Oliver, 71, died at 10:04 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, 2001, at Parkview Noble hospital, Kendallville.

She had been ill for a year, and had been a resident of Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville for seven months.

Mrs. Oliver was born May 10, 1929, in Chicago to Darrell D. and Louise (Heath) Engle. She moved to Kendallville from Garrett in 1973. She retired from McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville, as a housekeeper.

Mrs. Oliver was a member of North Star Rebekah Lodge, Albion, for more than 40 years.

Her husband, Don Oliver, preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Marshall and Linda Brumbaugh of Garrett and eff Brumbaugh of Kendallville; wo brothers, Bill Engle of Kendallville and Donald Engle of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren.

Preceding her in death was a daughter, Marsha, a twin to Marshall, who died shortly after birth in 1955. Also preceding her in death was a sister, Helen M. Engle.

Services are Thursday at 1 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Stan Kessler of First Presbyterian Church, Kendallville, officiating. Burial is in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

Fredrick Ridenour

WARSAW — Fredrick L. Ridenour, 66, of Warsaw, died at 2:55 a.m. Monday, Jan. 29, 2001, in his home following an extended illness.

He was born Aug. 15, 1934, in Delphos, Ohio, to Forrest E. and Dorothy L. (Flowers) Ridenour. He had been a resident of Warsaw since 1973 after moving there from Bourbon.

He retired in 1989 as an electrician with Village Green Homes of Etna Green. He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in the Korean War. He enjoyed fishing.

Mr. Ridenour married Colleen Hossler on Aug. 30, 1952. She survives, along with his mother, Dorothy Ridenour of Warsaw.

Also surviving are his children, Fredric E. and Rebecca Hossler of Warsaw, Carmen L. and Sheridan Terry of Ligonier, Michele and Charles Brallier of South Whitley, and Margaret and Terry Allen of Gas City; nine grandchildren and great-grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; and a brother, Donald Ridenour of Sidney.

He was preceded in death by his father, and a brother, Joseph.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Deaton Funeral Home, Bourbon, with Peter Albertson of Kosciusko County Hospice officiating. Burial will follow in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bourbon.

Calling is today from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials to Kosciusko County Hospice or Kosciusko County Cancer Association in his memory.

William Smith

DEFIANCE, Ohio — William G. Smith, 73, of Defiance, Ohio, died Monday, Jan. 29, 2001, at 12:10 a.m. in Defiance Hospital.

Mr. Smith retired in 1983 after 32 years at the General Motors Central Foundry, where he worked as a repairman and in service. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He also was a member of the First Church of Christ in Defiance.

He was born Dec. 16, 1927, in Williams County, Ohio, to Ira and Alta (Luke) Smith.

He married Marie I. Breininger in 1962, and she survives him.

Surviving are a son, William Smith Jr. of Sherwood, Ohio; three daughters, Judith Andrews of Arthur, Ohio, Janet Valle of Oakwood, Ohio, and Laura Race of Bethel, Ohio; three stepsons, Eugene Thompson of Wren, Ohio, Larry Thompson of Abilene, Texas, and James Thompson of Angola; six stepdaughters, Rose Marie Karlstadt of Bryan, Ohio, Barbara Fowler of Bryan, Ohio, Patty Ann Shankster of Milford, Sherry Thompson of Mary Ester, Fla., Lela Castro of Imperial, Calif., and Linda Thompson of Bryan, Ohio; a brother, John Smith of Kendallville; 49 grandchildren; 75 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a stepson, Jerry Lee Thompson.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Lawson-Roessner Funeral Home, Defiance, Ohio. Burial will be in Riverview Memory Gardens, Defiance County, where Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3360 will conduct military graveside rites.

Calling is tonight from 7-9 and Wednesday from 2-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Herman Yeager

ORANGE CITY, Fla. — Herman E. Yeager, 87, of Orange City, Fla., and formerly of Wawaka, died at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, 2001, at Deland Hospital in Deland, Fla. He had been in declining health for several years.

Mr. Yeager was born July 21, 1913, in Noble County to Joseph and Edna (Gard) Yeager. He was an area farmer and school bus driver. He owned and operated the Topeka Laundromat for several years prior to moving to Florida in 1984.

He was a member of Cosperville Baptist Church and also attended Haines Creek Baptist Church in Leesburg, Fla.

On Dec. 13, 1933, he married Alice Johnson. After her death he married Nina (Wing) Merle in 1984. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Roger Yeager of Baltimore, Md., and Gordon Yeager of Topeka; a daughter, Ilene Gingerich of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters, Nancy Chandler and Diane Clark; a stepson, Robert Merle; a sister, Helen LeCount of North Webster; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to his first wife, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Julia, and a sister, Lucille.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Harold Gingerich officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Haines Creek Baptist Church.

Donald Fortmeyer

ALBION — Donald Franklin Fortmeyer, 70, of Albion, died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2001, at Whitley County Hospital in Columbia City.

Born May 22, 1930, Mr. Fortmeyer served in the Army from 1951 to 1953. He was also a custodian with Fort Wayne Community Schools.

He was a member of American Legion Post 98 of Columbia City for 39 years. He was also a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, V.F.W. Post 5528, and F.O.E. No. 1906 of Columbia City.

He never married.

Surviving are a companion, Becky Snodgrass of Columbia City; eight cousins, Dr. Phillip Fortmeyer of Birmingham, Ala., Howard Fortmeyer, Wayne Fortmeyer, Steven Fortmeyer, and Mary Fortmeyer Carbaugh, all of Fort Wayne, Rebecca Schmidt of Grand Junction, Colo., Carol Mietkie of Sacramento, Calif., and Roger Fortmeyer of Marina Del Ray, Fla.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with burial in St. John Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Friday an hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services were held for the **Rev. Gerhard R. Kretzmann** Thursday, Jan. 25, 2001, at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Pallbearers were Hap Kretzmann, Eric Kretzmann, Jurt Kretzmann, Joel Kretzmann, Dan Kretzmann and Martin Kretzmann. Honorary pallbearers were Justin Kretzmann, Aaron Kretzmann, Jack Behrman, Bob Boldt, Charles Sudhoff, Nate Montover, Ed Ringenberg, Hugh Mullen and Alfred Rehwinkel.

Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Services were held for **Mary Ellen Fraze** on Saturday, Jan. 27, 2001, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Pallbearers were Jack Berhalter, Mert Gienger, Bud Reith, Stan Fraze, Josh Harper and Ron Hite.

LIGONIER — Graveside services for **Wayne R. Rowe**, 68, of Cromwell were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29, 2001, with Joe Brenneman officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

LIGONIER — Services for **William S. Moore**, 83, of Ligonier were held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 29, 2001, with the Revs. William and Susan Bernauer officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Pallbearers were John Lutton, Joe Stump, Robert Parish, William Parish, Christopher Parish and Mike Whaley.

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Clarissa Miller

GARRETT — Clarissa L. Miller, 76, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2001, at 7:22 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Miller was a former employee of Whitley Products and the telephone company. She moved to Whitley County in 1945 from DeKalb County and lived there until 1984, when she returned to DeKalb County. She lived in Garrett and was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett. She was a former member of the Columbia City Veterans of Foreign Wars, Moose and Eagles auxiliaries. She was an avid bingo player.

She was born July 21, 1924, in Auburn to Harry and Ruth (Allen) Balzer.

Surviving her are one son, David Goings Sr. of Auburn; one brother, Harry Balzer of Kendallville; one grandson, David Goings Jr. of Garrett; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cleon Miller; a son, Jim Miller; a daughter, Judith Ann Goings; one brother, George Balzer; and two sisters, Pam Balzer and Violet Balzer.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in South Park Annex Cemetery, Columbia City, with Pastor Herbert Schumm of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church officiating.

Calling is Friday from 9:30-9:45 a.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

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David Vorndran

SEBRING, Fla. — David T. Vorndran, 66, of Sebring, Fla., former owner of Vorndran Do-It Center in Kendallville, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2001, at home.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy.

He also owned Vorndran Sales and Marketing from 1976 until his retirement in 1992.

He was born May 29, 1934, in Fort Wayne to Carl and Ruth Vorndran.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Vorndran. A previous wife, Linda Vorndran of Kendallville, died Feb. 1, 1995.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Daniel and Tia Vorndran, Tim Vorndran, and Lori and Shane Vorndran, all of Fort Wayne; three stepsons, Josh and Chris Culbertson and Cody Kieler, all of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters, Jennifer Culbertson and Brandi Kieler, both of Fort Wayne; a grandchild, Shane Vorndran of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Joann Shoaff of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a brother, James.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City.

Loyal Yoder

HUNTERTOWN — Loyal R. Yoder, 86, of Huntertown died Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2001, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following an illness.

He was born April 5, 1914, in Allen County's Perry Township, the son of Solomon and Mary (Garman) Yoder. Mr. Yoder was a lifetime resident.

On May 24, 1941, he married Ruby M. Shoudel in Huntertown. She survives.

He was a 25-year employee as an over-the-road driver for Fruehauf Trailer, retiring in 1976. He also farmed.

Mr. Yoder was a member of Huntertown United Methodist Church, served as a Perry Township trustee from 1975 to 1982 during which time a new fire station was built, served on the board of directors for the Irene Byron Home, was active in the Perry Township Farm Bureau, was a member of the countywide school reorganization committee in the 1960s, served as an EMT for the Huntertown Volunteer Fire Department, and was a member of the Leo OES No. 278, Huntertown Masonic Lodge No. 689 F&AM, Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne and Northwest Allen County Schools board.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Michael Meighen of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Ilsa Yoder of Goshen; five grandchildren, Erika Meyer, Laura Moshier, Molly Meighen, Matthew Meighen and Michelle Meighen, and one great-grandchild, Ruby Meyer.

Preceding him in death were two brothers, Paul and Ralph Yoder.

Services are Friday at Huntertown United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dr. David Michel, Pastor Tim Terrel and Sherri Long of the church officiating.

Calling is one hour before services and from 2 to 9 p.m. today at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Memorials are to Huntertown United Methodist Church, Huntertown Volunteer Fire Department and Acres Land Trust of Fort Wayne.

Kelvin Stoner

NORTH WEBSTER — Kelvin S. "Stue" Stoner, 72, died Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2001, at home.

Born in Cromwell, he was formerly employed at Maple Leaf Farms in Milford. He was a Korean War Army veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Wanda; a stepdaughter, Bess Stetler of Syracuse; a stepson, Richard Doerscher of North Webster; seven stepgrandchildren; five stepgreat-grandchildren; two sisters, Karol Hull of Mishawaka and Katherine Longenecker of Middlebury; and a brother, William Stoner of Cromwell.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Eastlund Funeral Home — Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling two hours before services.

Burial is in Indian Village Cemetery, Cromwell, with military graveside services.

Services Held

LIGONIER — Services for **Earlis C. Rex**, 67, of Ligonier were held at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2001, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home with Arvill Brown officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Pallbearers were Troy Morrow, Ken Leatherman, Dick Caskey, Brian Eilers, Fred Campbell, Dan Campbell and Morry Godfrey. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Wayne Moore and Jack LeCount.

Arrangements were by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home.

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Charles Terry

ALBION — Charles L. "Pete" Terry, 71, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2001, at 1:45 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

He worked for several years at McCray Refrigeration, Kendallville. He lived in the community for 64 years.

He was born June 10, 1929, in Columbus, Ohio, to Milo and Helen (Harsh) Terry.

Surviving are a sister, Ellen McBride of Churubusco; several nieces and nephews, including Craig and Brent McBride and Sarah Leazier; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John Terry, and a nephew, Ross McBride.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lutheran Hospital Cardiology Department.

Virginia Croft

FORT WAYNE — Virginia A. Croft, 81, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a Fort Wayne native and a homemaker.

Surviving are a son, Timothy J. Croft of Kendallville; two daughters, Sandra L. Arney of Fort Wayne and Mary Alice Stewart of Brandon, Fla.; four brothers, Robert Kumfer of Fort Wayne, Frank Kumfer of Louisiana, Wilbur Kumfer of New Haven and Glen Kumfer of Bluffton; a sister, Wanda Hart of Churubusco; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel J., in 2000.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road. Burial will be at Greenwood Memorial Park.

Calling is at the funeral home from 2-6 p.m. Sunday and an hour before services Monday.

Eugene Brown

STROH — Eugene Lowell "Brownie" Brown, 68, died at 1:44 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. He had been ill since 1998.

He graduated from Salem Center High School in 1951. He was the owner and operator of Brown's Cleaners from 1960 to 1998. A member of the Stroh Horseshoe Club, he was an avid horseshoe player who traveled nationwide to participate in state, national and world horseshoeing championships.

He was born May 12, 1932, in Garrett to Harl D. and Rhoda (Treesh) Brown. On Feb. 22, 1959, in Kendallville, he married Barbara Jane Fritz, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Toni G. and Joseph Miller of Manitoc, Wis., and Sherry L. Brown of Stroh; two sons and daughters-in-law, David E. and Kimberley Brown of Orland and Charles E. and Christy Brown of Stroh; a stepson, Eugene A. Lash of Auburn; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters.

Services are 1 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Robert Muller officiating. Burial will be at Wright Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services were held Thursday, Feb. 1, 2001, at 1 p.m. for **Barbara J. Oliver** at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Stan Kessler officiating.

Burial was at Christian Union Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Harry and Douglas Brumbaugh, Mike Engle, Dennis Orr, Jose Izaguirre and Todd Wilson.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Bonnie M. Marshall** were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2001, at the Church of the Nazarene, Kendallville.

The Rev. Oscar Sheets officiated.

Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Pallbearers were Steven L. Marshall, Steve Mangan, and Ashley J., Adam, Jim and Andy Straub.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, was in charge of arrangements.

Ruth Herrmann

FORT WAYNE — Ruth Ellen Herrmann, 80, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Fort Wayne native retired in 2000 as an office worker at Fort Wayne Community Schools after 20 years. She also worked at Wesloh Drug Store for 20 years.

Surviving are two sons, Paul D. Herrmann of Albion and Jeri R. Herrmann of Fort Wayne; a sister, Pauline Beck of Albion; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul R., in 1992.

Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Zion Lutheran Church, 2300 Hanna St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, 2221 S. Calhoun St., and at the church one hour before services Saturday.

Memorials are to the church or Concordia High School.

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Virginia Wilkins

FORT WAYNE — Virginia G. Wilkins, 81, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2001, at Lutheran Homes of Fort Wayne following an illness.

She spent her formative years in Eel River Township. She lived in Churubusco and Columbia City briefly, but lived most of her adult life in Fort Wayne. She lived at her Edgewood Estates home since 1972. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Lake Township.

She was born Feb. 24, 1919, in Eel River Township to Harvey and Elsie (Green) Graves. On Feb. 26, 1972, she married David V. Wilkins, who preceded her in death in April 1997.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Isaac and Dorothy May Davis of Fort Wayne; a stepson, David B. Wilkins of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Mary Jane and Robert Nichols of Statesville, N.C.; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Ethel and Don Leeson of Garrett, Garnet Truman of Marion, and Gladys and Herbert Giant and Norma Jean and Ernest Gains, all of Fort Wayne; and a brother and sister-in-law, Dale and Rickie Graves of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Edith Van Fleet, in 1990.

Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Pastor Ralph Easterhaus of St. John Lutheran Church, Lake Township, officiating. Burial will be at Riverview Cemetery, Allen County.

Calling is 11 a.m. until services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lutheran Home's D wing special care unit.

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Alexander Campos

KENDALLVILLE — Alexander David Campos, 5 1/2 months, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2001 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He was born Aug. 18, 2000, in Fort Wayne to David and Christina (McKenzie) Campos of Kendallville, who survive at home.

Also surviving are his grandparents, Jim and Nancy McKenzie of New Haven and Juana Oliva of Mexico; his great-grandparents, Marilyn Smith of Kendallville and Robert and Alyce McKenzie of LaGrange; and a brother, Jacob McKenzie of Kendallville. A brother, Christian, preceded him in death.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. David Barkel and the Rev. Chris Norman of Grace Fellowship Church officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Kendallville. Memorials are to the family or the Lissencephaly Network of Fort Wayne.

Catherine Summerville

LIGONIER — Catherine Summerville, 85, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2001, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Summerville was a registered nurse and had been director of nursing at Goshen General Hospital. A member of the Ligonier United Methodist Church, she belonged to the Ligonier Business and Professional Women and Good Samaritans Club. She also served as chairperson for the Strawberry Valley Days parade committee for several years. She was a lifelong area resident.

She was born Nov. 29, 1915, in Kosciusko County to Otto and Ethel (Simison) Rardin. On Sept. 14, 1941, in Warsaw, she married Richard A. Summerville. He preceded her in death in 1992.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Nancy and Robert Shambaugh of Rome City, and Donna and John Mangona, Linda and Mike Donaldson and Carol Arnold, all of Ligonier; a sister, Helen Huffer of Warsaw; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Ligonier United Methodist Church, with the Rev. James Farrer officiating. Calling will be Monday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier. Memorials are to the Goshen General Hospitaol Foundation, Noble House or the Ligonier Volunteer Fire Department.

Ruth Black

HUNTINGTON — Ruth Elizabeth Black, 90, of Huntington, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2001, at Huntington Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Black owned and operated Black's Restaurant in Columbia City and Crystal Cafe in Huntington. A Huntington resident for three years, she was a member of the First Baptist Church in Huntington, a former member of First Baptist Church in Columbia City and a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born Nov. 29, 1910, in Columbia City to Vern and Lillie (Rouch) Kessler. On July 26, 1930, she married John Kenneth Black. He preceded her in death in 1970.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Jean and Donald Noonan of San Juan, Texas, Rebecca Clark of Huntington and Diann and Tom Cussen of Lafayette; two brothers, Carl Kessler of Mineral Wells, Texas, and Robert Kessler of Churubusco; a sister and brother-in-law, Margaret and William Phillips of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by a son, Jack Kenneth Black; a great-grandson, Kenneth Robert Black; a brother, Homer Kessler; and three sisters, Ocia Rodenbeck, Opal Johnson and Edna Rhodes.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Deal-Robbins and Van Gilder Huntington Chapel in Huntington, with the Rev. Charles Lyman officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Greenhill Cemetery in Columbia City. Memorials are to First Baptist Church of Huntington, in care of the funeral home.

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Dorothy Ryan

LAGRANGE — Dorothy L. Ryan, 89, of LaGrange, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

A lifelong LaGrange County resident, she was a homemaker and worked at W.R. Thomas Retail Store in LaGrange. She was a member of the LaGrange Missionary Church.

She was born Aug. 5, 1911, in South Milford to William and Dessie C. (Mory) Walker. On Sept. 7, 1931, in Angola, she married Leonard Ryan, and he preceded her in death Feb. 6, 1997.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Nancy and Merton Austin of Mendon, Mich., and Kay Strall of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, L.D. and Sue Ryan of Siloam Springs, Ark.; 15 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Two sisters, Gertrude Young and Katherine Walker, also preceded her in death.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at LaGrange Missionary Church, with the Rev. Bradley Ulick officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Frurup-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Angola. Memorials are to the LaGrange Missionary Church.

Donna Shriner

COLUMBIA CITY — Donna L. Shriner, 83, of Columbia City, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2001, at Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Shriner was employed by Magnavox and retired in 1983 after 20 years of service.

She was born Feb. 19, 1917 to Leo and Alta (Ratcliff) Rosenogle. She was raised in Noble County and lived most of her life in Noble and Whitley counties. A graduate of Wolf Lake High School, she married Orland Shriner Sept. 1, 1934, in Noble County. Her husband preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Lucille Huyghe of Columbia City and Patsy Champion of Silver Lake; a sister, Phyllis Owen of Avilla; a brother, Billy O. Emma of Michigan; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. One granddaughter, Angela Ginter, also preceded her in death.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. John Cummings of Community Bible Church officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Helen List

CHURUBUSCO — Helen B. List, 94, of Churubusco, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. List was a homemaker and a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church and the Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136, with whom she was a past worthy matron. A former member of the White Shrine of Jerusalem Faith 29 of Fort Wayne, she had been employed at General Electric in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Pleasant Township near Yoder Nov. 27, 1906, to Francis and Edith (Wilcoxson) Woods. She was raised in Allen County until 1946 before moving first to Dekalb, Ill., and then Howe. She settled in Churubusco in 1974. On Dec. 1, 1928, she married Donald Merrill in Fort Wayne, and he preceded her in death Dec. 8, 1996.

Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Helen L. List of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Cindy Cadwallauer of Fort Wayne, Jayne Hixon of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Daniel List of Phoenix, Ariz.; six great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; and two step-great-great-granddaughters. A son, Jack L. List, and a daughter, Joyce E. List, preceded her in death. She was the final survivor of 11 brothers and sisters.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m., with a service by the Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136 at 7:30 p.m.

Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ossian. Memorials are to the Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Hilda Treesh

WATERLOO — Hilda M. Treesh, 85, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2001, at 4:50 p.m. at her home in Waterloo.

Mrs. Treesh worked in the office at the Newberry 5 & Dime store in Auburn for 12 years, then worked in sales for nine years at Lane's Discount.

She was born March 7, 1915, in DeKalb County to Levi and Myrtle (Rude) Boyd.

She married Dail W. Treesh on Jan. 28, 1933, in Auburn. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are three daughters, Betty Martin of Allegan, Mich.; Barbara Haist of Galesburg, Mich., and Sharon Rowe of Waterloo; one sister, Lois Wagoner of Bellevue, Mich.; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, Gerald, Estal, Lloyd, Dorsie and Archie Boyd.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Father David Carkenord will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice.

Services Held

LIGONIER — Services for Herman Yeager, 87, of Orange City, Fla., and formerly of Wawaka, were held Friday, Feb. 2, 2001, at 11 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Harold Gingerich officiating.

Pallbearers were Mike Mast, Paul Buchmeier, Chris and Brett Yeager, Rodney Frymier and Eric Gingerich.

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Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Toni G. and Joseph Miller of Manitoc, Wis., and Sherry L. Brown of Stroh; three sons and daughters-in-law, David E. and Kimberley Brown of Orland, Charles E. and Christy Brown of Stroh and Eugene A. and Sherry Lash of Auburn; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. today in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Robert Muller officiating. Burial will be at Wright Cemetery, Hudson

Memorials are to the family.

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Franklin Barry

CUMMING, Ga. — Franklin J. Barry, 75, of Cumming, Ga., formerly of Lake George in Steuben County, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2001, in Cumming.

He retired from military service in the U.S. Army in 1969, after 26 years of distinguished service. He was a World War II veteran who served in the 1st Division of the 16th Infantry. He also served in Korea, Iran and Taiwan. He was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He was a member of the U.S. Army Timberwolf Association.

He was born March 3, 1925, in Jamestown Township of Steuben County to John F. and Lena (Wayburn) Barry.

On June 12, 1952, in Germany, he married Milly Gurina, who survives in Cumming.

Also surviving are two sons, Michael and John F., both of Marietta, Ga.; four grandchildren, Chris, Kevin, Matthew and Julie Barry; and a brother, Merle Barry of Fremont.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Patty Barry.

Graveside services will be held at noon Tuesday at Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating. Military graveside services will be conducted by active U.S. Army personnel.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Hospice.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

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Owen Fennell

LAGRANGE — Owen D. Fennell, 72, of LaGrange, died at 7:50 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, 2001, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born to Jacob Earl and Marie (Alleshouse) Fennell on April 29, 1928, in LaGrange County. He was a lifetime resident of the county.

Mr. Fennell

He was a farmer. He retired from Ross Laboratories in Sturgis, Mich., after 20 years in 1976. Mr. Fennell was a member of Brighton Chapel, a former 4-H club leader and an avid basketball fan.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jane Ann and Larry Cushing of Howe; four sons, Ron L. Fennell of LaGrange, Douglas O. Fennell of Howe, Duane R. Fennell of Lakewood, Colo., and Michael R. Fennell of Howe; two sisters, Mary Ellen Hartman of Auburn and Jerilyn Phillips of Howe; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Gregory O. Cushing, on Oct. 30, 1995, and two sisters, Lois Seybert and Carma Eaton.

Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at Brighton Chapel in Brighton with the Rev. Rodney Schuler officiating. Burial will be in Pretty Prairie Cemetery, Howe.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Memorials to Brighton Chapel or LaGrange County 4-H Association.

Cleo Halsey

KENDALLVILLE — Cleo G. Halsey, 91, of Kendallville, formerly of rural Wolcottville, died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2001.

Among survivors are a daughter, Lois Jean Turner of Centerville; and a son, Philip Halsey of Rome City.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Marjorie Olry

FORT WAYNE — Marjorie L. Olry, 86, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Feb. 3, 2001, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Born in Brimfield, on Aug. 26, 1914, she lived in Fort Wayne since 1944.

She worked at the V.A. Hospital in food service for 19 years before retiring in 1980. She also worked at the Knights of Columbus downtown.

She was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church, the church rosary society and St. Jude's Monday Club.

Surviving are a son, John M. Olry of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Therese Huttsell and Mary L. Martin of Fort Wayne, Pearl R. Pickard of Ypsilanti, Mich., and Bernadette Stikeleather of Anaheim, Calif.; three brothers, Alvah J., Howard F. and Vincent R. Olry of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Dorothy L. Conner and Joan J. McComb; and a brother, Joseph B. Olry.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Jude Catholic Church with calling one hour prior to services. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is also today from 4 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Vigil service is Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials to Cancer Services of Allen County, the American Heart Association or Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice, Inc.

The News-Sun, Tues., Feb. 6,

Cleo Halsey

KENDALLVILLE — Cleo G. Halsey, 91, of Kendallville and formerly of rural Wolcottville, died at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, 2001, in her home, following a two-month illness.

Mrs. Halsey

She was born July 13, 1909, in Avilla to Frank and Celia (Renkenberger) Smith. On Feb. 25, 1925, she married H.D. Halsey in Hillsdale, Mich. He died June 5, 1982.

Mrs. Halsey was a homemaker and a member of Beacon Baptist Church, Kendallville.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Philip D. and Mary Halsey of Rome City; a daughter and son-in-law, Lois Jean and Richard Turner of Centerville; three grandchildren, Donald Turner of Indianapolis, Cynthia Guy of Daleville and Mark Halsey of Anderson; and a great-granddaughter, Patricia Brown of Eaton, Ohio.

Preceding her in death were a brother, Cecil Smith; a sister, Lois Iler; and a grandson, David Turner.

Services are at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Beacon Baptist Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. Ron Stratman officiating. Burial is in Woodruff Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Memorials to Beacon Baptist Church or Parkview Noble Hospice.

Harley Bontrager

LAGRANGE — Harley A. Bontrager, 85, of LaGrange, died at 10:10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 5, 2001, at home.

He was born in LaGrange May 9, 1915, to Abraham and Susie (Christner) Bontrager.

A member of the Old Order Amish Church, he was a farmer and lived his entire life in LaGrange County.

On Feb. 16, 1939, he married Mary D. Miller. She died Aug. 23, 1992.

Surviving are a brother, Abraham Bontrager of Shipshewana, and a stepbrother, Levi M. Yoder of Topeka.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Amos Bontrager; four stepbrothers, Leo, Dan, John and Neal Yoder; a sister, Amelia (Bontrager) Miller; and two stepsisters, Edna (Yoder) Schlabach and Sue (Yoder) Miller.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the family residence, 1905S — 300W, LaGrange. Bishop Sam J.R. Miller and the Rev. Alvin T. Yoder will officiate. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is after 4 p.m. today and all day Wednesday at the residence.

Arrangements by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Barbara Oakerson

HUNTERTOWN — Barbara L. "Boots" Oakerson, 70, died Saturday, Feb. 3, 2001, in Allen County.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was a purchasing agent in materials management at Parkview Hospital, retiring in 1990.

Her husband, Calvin A., also died Saturday. Surviving are two daughters, Becky Noll of Fort Wayne and Judy Ervin of Leo-Cedarville; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services are at 10 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with burial in Salem Cemetery, Wilmont.

Calling is 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

Memorials to Robinson Chapel United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne.

Jack Deller

CONSTANTINE, Mich. — Jack E. Deller, 54, of Constantine, died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2001, at Rose Arbor Hospice Residence in Kalamazoo, Mich.

He was born June 23, 1946, in Coldwater, Mich., to Russell "Jack" and Mae (Letts) Deller.

A graduate of Angola High School in 1964 and Albion College in 1968, he earned a bachelor's degree in business, math and economics. He later completed a master's degree in education from Western Michigan University.

He began his teaching career in 1968 in the Central Noble school system at Wolf Lake, accepting a position as principal at Athens school system in Michigan in 1970. In 1973, he moved to Constantine, where he served as athletic director and principal of the middle and high schools.

He was a member of the St. Joseph County Principals Association, the St. Joe Valley Athletic League and the Constantine Rotary Club. He also attended Trinity Missionary Church in Constantine. Devoted to children and lover of sports, he enjoyed traveling and vacationing with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Carol, of Constantine; two daughters and a son-in-law, Laura and Brett Strick of Jenison, Mich., and Sarah Deller of Holland, Mich.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Brian and Mary Anne Deller and Matthew Deller, all of Kalamazoo, Mich.; a grandson, Clayton Strick of Jenison; a niece, Cynthia Fleming of Las Vegas; and a nephew, Mike Sellers of Sturgis, Mich.

His parents and a sister, Sandra Sellers, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in the Constantine High School gymnasium, with the Rev. Derl Keefer of Three Rivers Church of the Nazarene officiating. Calling will be at Eley Funeral Home in Constantine today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Empire, Mich. Memorials are to the Jack Deller Memorial Scholarship Fund or the Rose Arbor Hospice Residence.

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(The following obituary is being rerun to provide additional information.)

Owen Fennell

LAGRANGE — Owen D. Fennell, 72, of LaGrange, died at 7:50 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, 2001, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Fennell

He was born to Jacob Earl and Marie (Alleshouse) Fennell on April 29, 1928, in LaGrange County. He was a lifetime resident of the county.

He was a farmer. He retired from Ross Laboratories in Sturgis, Mich., after 20 years in 1976. Mr. Fennell was a member of Brighton Chapel, a former 4-H club leader and an avid basketball fan.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jane Ann and Larry Cushing of Howe; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Ron L. and Kim Fennell of LaGrange, Douglas O. and Barbara Fennell of Howe, Duane R. Fennell of Lakewood, Colo., and Michael R. and Tammy Fennell of Howe; two sisters, Mary Ellen Hartman of Auburn and Jerilyn Phillips of Howe; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Gregory O. Cushing, on Oct. 30, 1995, and two sisters, Lois Seybert and Carma Eaton.

Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at Brighton Chapel in Brighton with the Rev. Rodney Schuler officiating. Burial will be in Pretty Prairie Cemetery, Howe.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Memorials to Brighton Chapel or LaGrange County 4-H Association.

Tammy Koble and infant

AUBURN — Tammy Lynn Koble, 26, and her infant died Monday, Feb. 5, 2001, at 12:42 a.m. at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis. She lived in Auburn.

She was born April 9, 1974, in Auburn and was a homemaker

Surviving are her father, Michael Koble of Butler; her mother and stepfather, Cynthia and Denny Bailey of Auburn; her daughter, Desiree Dawn Nodine of Auburn; her grandmothers, Nancy Frain of Auburn and Judy King of Butler; and her fiancé, Danny Kissinger.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after noon. Burial will be in Osborn Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the Indiana University Medical Center.

Logan Tucker

AUBURN — Logan Skylar Tucker was stillborn Friday, Feb. 2, 2001, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Surviving are his parents, Marion and Jocelyn Tucker of Auburn; a brother, Lucas Tucker of Rome City; his grandparents, Wayne and Lila Slavin of Auburn, and Ruth and Marion Tucker Sr. of LaGrange; and his great-grandparents, John and Bonnie Bishop of Garrett, DeWitt Slavin of Monticello, Ky., and Hazel Samples of Avilla.

Graveside services were held today at 11 a.m. in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, was in charge of arrangements.

Gregory Roach

WATERLOO — Gregory E. Roach, 27, died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2001, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Roach was a laborer at Freda Corp.

He was born Oct. 2, 1973, in Dallas, Texas.

Surviving him are his mother and stepfather, Sandra and David Bartolin of Waterloo; his father, Gary A. Roach of Porter, Texas; a half-brother, Geoffrey A. Roach of Porter; a stepbrother, Jeremy "Jay" Bartolin of Kendallville; a stepsister, Michelle Barnett of Longview, Texas; his paternal grandparents, George and Betty Roach of Dallas; his maternal grandmother, Bertha King of Edgewood, Texas; and his stepgrandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bartolin of Kirkwood, Mo.

There will be no services or calling. D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Parkview Memorial Hospital's Critical Care Unit.

Calvin Oakerson

HUNTERTOWN — Calvin A. Oakerson, 72, died Saturday, Feb. 3, 2001, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Marion, he was director of plant operations at Parkview Hospital, retiring in 1990. He was a World War II Navy veteran.

His wife Barbara "Boots" L. also died Saturday. Surviving are two daughters, Becky Noll of Fort Wayne and Judy Ervin of Leo-Cedarville; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mary Benham and Lilly Cole, both of Florida; and three brothers, Ed, James and Oakley, all of Marion.

Services are at 10 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with burial in Salem Cemetery, Wilmont.

Calling is 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

Memorials to Robinson Chapel United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne.

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Hazel Treesh

GARRETT — Hazel C. Treesh, 84, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2001, at her son's home in Garrett.

Mrs. Treesh was a homemaker and member of Living Waters Community Church in Garrett. She lived in Columbia City most of her life and moved to Garrett in 1994.

She married Oliver James Treesh on May 13, 1937, in Fort Wayne. He died July 9, 1993.

Surviving are a daughter, Marsha Jo Smith of Albion; four sons, Melvin A. Treesh of Auburn, Robert L. Treesh and Richard E. Treesh, both of Columbia City, and James Treesh of Garrett; two sisters, Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Grant and Ella Rose Barton, both of Columbia City; one brother, William Miles "Buck" Sheets of Sneedville, Tenn.; 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Bertha (Busch) Sheets; a son, Lorne "Larry" Treesh; three sisters, Hattie Sheets Bradington, Louella Richey and Effa Watson; one brother, Jack Sheets; and five grandchildren, Timothy Treesh Jr., David Eugene Treesh, David James Treesh, Kenneth Wilcoxson and Mark Alan Treesh.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling after 9 a.m. The Rev. Dean Morris, pastor of Unity Chapel Church in Auburn, will officiate. Burial will be in Nolt Cemetery.

Calling is today from 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Whitley County chapter of the American Cancer Society or Living Waters Community Church, Garrett.

Charles Cline

LAGRANGE — Charles L. Cline, 82, LaGrange, died at 7:22 a.m. Monday, Feb. 5, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

He was born in LaGrange County on April 22, 1918, to Claude J. Sr. and Bertice M. (Feller) Cline.

He married June E. Crowell on Oct. 8, 1938, in Valentine. She survives.

Mr. Kline was a farmer and newspaper printer for the Sturgis Journal and Three Rivers Commercial. He also operated the Cline Citgo Station in Sturgis, Mich. He was a member of the Plato United Methodist Church, was active at the LaGrange Senior Center, and was an avid card player.

Also surviving are a daughter, Twila M. Baldwin of Sturgis, a son and daughter-in-law, Dean A. and Linda Cline of Burr Oak, Mich., five sisters, Mabel McCormick of Dallas, Texas; June Haskins of LaGrange, Carol Simmons of Goshen, Ramona Knop of Springfield, Ohio, and Nancy Nicholson of Staatsburg, N.Y.; three brothers, Donald of South Bend, Claude J. of LaGrange and Samuel of Jonesboro, Ga.; 12 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a son, Paul on Dec. 13, 1965; a great-grandchild; a sister, Twila Cline; and a brother, Keith.

Services are at 10 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Burkett Smith officiating. Burial is in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials to Plato United Methodist Church.

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Ida Miller

GOSHEN — Ida J. Miller, 68, of Goshen died at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2001, at her home. She had been in declining health.

She was born Aug. 18, 1932, to Joseph D. and Katie M. (Lehman) Miller.

Mrs. Miller, a member of the Old Order Amish Church, lived her entire life in the area and worked as a private house cleaner.

Surviving are three sisters and brothers-in-law, Lydia and Perry Miller of LaGrange, Edna and Lewis Weaver of Gladwin, Mich., and Barbara and Andrew S. Miller of Goshen; a brother and sister-in-law, Levi and Ella Miller of Gladwin; 19 nephews; 13 nieces; three stepnephews; and six stepnieces.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Anna Miller, and two nieces.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Mervin Dean Hostetler residence, 62987 East County Line Road, Goshen, with burial in South Eash Clinton Cemetery, Millersburg.

Calling will begin after 2 p.m. today and continue all day Thursday at the home of her sister, Barbara Miller, 62503 East County Line Road, Goshen.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Services Held

LIGONIER — Services for **Catherine Summerville**, 85, of Ligonier, were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2001, with the Rev. James Farrer officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Funeral Friday for Ryan Gilson

Ryan Gilson

SHIPSHEWANA — Ryan J. Gilson, 14, of Shipshewana, formerly of Middlebury, died at 11:25 a.m. Monday, Feb. 5, 2001, at Vencor Hospital — LaGrange after collapsing during gym class at Westview Junior-Senior High School.

He was born Sept. 8, 1986, in Goshen to David E. and Karen (Purpura) Gilson. He lived his entire life in the area.

An eighth-grader at Westview, Mr. Gilson was active in Student Council and played on the basketball and soccer teams. He was also active in indoor soccer, baseball and Junior MYF at Marion Mennonite Church, Shipshewana.

Surviving are his father of Middlebury; his mother of Shipshewana; a brother, Chad Gilson, of Shipshewana; and grandparents, Don and Nancy Purpura of Middlefield, Ohio, and Gertrude Gilson of Middlebury.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Shore Mennonite Church, Shipshewana, with the Rev. Brian Arbuckle of Marion Mennonite Church officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling is today from 5 to 8 p.m. and Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Emma Mennonite Church, Topeka.

Memorials are to the family, in care of Marion Mennonite Church, to assist with expenses.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Charles Buhro

KENDALLVILLE — Charles L. Buhro, 84, died at 11:12 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2001, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Larry Yoder

TOPEKA — Larry Eugene Yoder, 18, died at 11:04 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2001, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne from injuries sustained in an auto accident earlier Tuesday.

A member of the Old Order Amish Church community, Mr. Yoder was born July 16, 1982, in Goshen to Wyman Jr. and Ruby (Bontrager) Yoder. He was a lifetime resident of the Topeka area.

He was employed by Alvin Miller Construction.

Surviving are his parents of Topeka; three brothers, Duane Ray Yoder of Nappanee, and Mark Alan Yoder and Steven Lee Yoder of Topeka; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Waneta and Harley Lambright of Shipshewana and Doris and Howard Schwartz of Topeka; a grandmother, Alice Bontrager of Topeka; and a special friend, Emily Lehman of Shipshewana.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Friday at the family home, 9415W — 300S, Topeka, with Bishop Sam Beechy and the Rev. Lloyd Miller officiating. Burial is in Bontrager Cemetery, Topeka.

Calling is after 6 p.m. today and all day Thursday at the residence.

Pallbearers will by Gary Lehman, Gerald Bontrager, Jay Chupp, James Miller, Larry Miller and Jr. Beachy.

Arrangements are by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

ALBION NEW ERA February 7, 2001

Ruth Herrman

FORT WAYNE-Ruth Ellen Herrmann, 80, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Fort Wayne native retired in 2000 as an office worker at Fort Wayne Community Schools after 20 years. She also worked at Wesloh Drug Store for 20 years.

Surviving are two sons, Paul D. Herrmann of Albion and Jeri R. Herrman of Fort Wayne; a sister Pauline Beck of Albion; and three grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Paul R., in 1992.

Services were Saturday, February 3, 2001 at Zion Lutheran Church, 2300 Hanna St., fort Wayne. Burial was at Greenlawn Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church or Concordia High School.

Charles "Pete" L. Terry, 71

ALBION-Charles "Pete" L. Terry died at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, February 1, 2001 at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

He was born on June 10. 1929 in Columbus, Ohio to Milo and Helen (Harsh) Terry, both deceased. Mr. Terry had lived in the Albion Community for 64 years and had worked at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville.

Surviving are one sister Ellen McBride of Churubusco. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews including: Craig and Brent McBride and Sarah Leazier and several great nieces and great nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother John Terry and one nephew Ross McBride.

Services were held on February 5, 2001 at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Preferred memorials are to the Lutheran Hospital Cardiology Department.

Hazel Treesh

GARRETT - Hazel C. Treesh, 84, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2001, at her son's home in Garrett.

Mrs. Treesh was a homemaker and member of Living Waters Community Church in Garrett. She lived in Columbia City most of her life and moved to Garrett in 1994.

She married Oliver James Treesh on May 13, 1937, in Fort Wayne. He died July 9, 1993.

Surviving are a daughter, Marsha Jo Smith of Albion; four sons, Melvin A. Treesh of Auburn, Robert L. Treesh and Richard E. Treesh, both of Columbia City, and James Treesh of Garrett; two sisters, Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Grant and Ella Rose Barton, both of Columbia City; one brother, William Miles "Buck" Sheets of Sneedville, Tenn.; 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Bertha (Busch) Sheets; a son, Lorne "Larry" Treesh; three sisters, Hattie Sheets Bradington, Louella Richey and Effa Watson; one brother, Jack Sheets; and five grandchildren, Timothy Treesh Jr., David Eugene Treesh, David James Treesh, Kenneth Wilcoxson and Mark Alan Treesh.

Services will be held Thursday, February 8, 2001 at 10 a.m. in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling after 9 a.m. The Rev. Dean Morris, pastor of Unity Chapel Church in Auburn, will officiate. Burial will be in Nolt Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday, February 6, 2001 from 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday, February 7, 2001 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Whitley County chapter of the American Cancer Society or Living Waters Community Church, Garrett.

Jack Deller

CONSTANTINE, Mich. - Jack E. Deller, 54, of Constantine, died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2001, at Rode Arbor Hospice Residence in Kalamazoo, Mich.

He was born June 23, 1946, in Coldwater, Mich., to Russell "Jack" and Mae (Letts) Deller.

A graduate of Angola High School in 1964 and Albion College in 1968, he earned a bachelor's degree in business, math and economics. He later completed a master's degree in education from Western Michigan University.

He began his teaching career in 1968 in the Central Noble School system at Wolf Lake, accepting a position as principal at Athens school system in Michigan in 1970. In 1973, he moved to Constantine, where he served as athletic director and principal of the middle and high schools.

He was a member of the St. Joseph County Principals Association, the St. Joe Valley Athletic League and the Constantine Rotary Club. He also attended Trinity Missionary Church in Constantine. Devoted to children and lover of sports, he enjoyed traveling and vacationing with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Carol, of Constantine; two daughters and a son-in-law, Laura and Brett Strick of Jenison, Mich., two sons and a daughter-in-law, Brian and Mary Anne Deller and Matthew Deller, all of Kalamazoo, Mich.; a grandson, Clayton Strick of Jenison; a niece, Cynthia Fleming of Las Vegas; and a nephew, Mike Sellers of Sturgis, Mich.

His parents and a sister, Sandra Sellers, preceded him in death.

Services were held on Wednesday, February 7, 2001 in the Constantine High School gymnasium, with the Rev. Derl Keefer of Three Rivers Church of the Nazarene officiating.

Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Empire, Mich. memorials are to the Jack Deller Memorial Scholarship Fund or the Rose Arbor Hospice Residence.

Virginia Croft

FORT WAYNE -- Virginia A. Croft, 81, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, January 31, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital.

The Fort Wayne native was a homemaker and enjoyed playing bingo and cards.

Surviving are a son, Timothy J. of Kendallville; daughters, Sandra L. Arney of Fort Wayne and Mary A. Stewart of Brandon, Fla.; brothers, Robert Kumfer of Fort Wayne, Frank Kumfer of Louisiana, Wilbur Kumfer of New Haven and Glen Kumfer of Bluffton; a sister, Wanda Hart of Churubusco; five grand-children and seven great grandchildren.

Her husband, Samuel J., and two brothers preceded her in death.

Services were 11 a.m. Monday at Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne.

Burial was at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

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Sara Hombach-Price

DECATUR — Sara Jane Hombach-Price, 23, died at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2001, in a house fire at a home on High Lake, Noble County.

Her daughter, Maya Christine Monroe Sweat, also died in the fire.

Hombach-Price

She had lived in Decatur for the past three months, but was a resident of Fort Wayne most of her life.

A traveling karaoke singer in the Fort Wayne area, she was a member of Hope United Methodist Church, Hoagland, and a 1995 graduate of Heritage High School, rural Monroeville.

Surviving are her parents, Gene and Phyllis Price of rural Fort Wayne; her father, Stephen C. Hombach of Dublin, Ohio; four sisters, Miriam H. Morgan of Tulsa, Okla., Anne Elizabeth Hombach of Indianapolis, Cindie J. Matuska of Fort Wayne, and Christie J. Flud of Tulsa; two nephews; and four nieces.

Memorial services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Hope United Methodist Church, Hoagland, with the Rev. Erma Rohrer officiating. Calling is from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the Cornerstone House Recovery Center in care of Hope United Methodist Church.

Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel, Monroeville, is in charge of arrangements.

Services Monday for Mayor Selman

ANGOLA — Edwin W. "Bill" Selman Jr., 67, of Angola, died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2001, at his residence.

Mr. Selman was elected mayor of Angola in 1991 and re-elected in 1995 and 1999. He currently was serving his third term in office. He also was elected to the Angola Common Council in 1975 and served four terms.

He attended Angola High School and graduated from St. Ambrose High School in Davenport, Iowa. He attended St. Ambrose College in Davenport and then served in the U.S. Army from 1953-56 in the 11th Airborne Division.

He was the owner of Selman Heating and Plumbing from 1960-98. He was a member of Angola American Legion Post 31, the Northern Indiana Mayor's Roundtable and St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Angola.

He was a former chairman of the Steuben County Democratic Party, a board member of the Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District and the Angola Building and Trades organization.

He was born June 9, 1933, in Ames, Iowa, to Edwin W. and Frances (Rea) Selman.

In May 1960, he married Betty Tolly, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a daughter, Susan E. Selman of Fort Wayne; two sons and two daughters-in-law, Thomas H. and Pamela A. Selman of Angola, and Edwin W. "Bill" and Renee E. Selman III of Flemington, N.J.; a sister, Mary Elizabeth Ward of Irvine, Calif.; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Barbara Ellen Selman.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Angola, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Graveside services will be conducted by Angola American Legion Post 31.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the Angola Parks and Recreation Department, 210 N. Public Square, Angola.

Rigo Garcia

AUBURN — Rigo Berto Garcia, 23 months, died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2001, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, after a DeKalb County traffic accident.

He was born March 3, 1999, in Auburn to Antonio Garcia and Stephanie Bennett. They both survive in Auburn.

Also surviving are his maternal grandparents, Richard and Rita Bennett of Avilla; his paternal grandparents, Rodolfo Garcia and Maria Garcia, both of Mexico; and his great-grandmother, Madge Harshbarger of Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Pastor Dale Henderson will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Lyle 'Doc' Bailey

KENDALLVILLE — Lyle B. "Doc" Bailey, D.V.M., 83, died at 5:40 a.m. today, Feb. 8, 2001, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

He was born Oct. 28, 1917, in St. Paul, Ind., to Lloyd David and Frances Varble (Reed) Bailey.

On Aug. 10, 1939, he married Mildred Reginia Zeiger in Mishawaka. She survives.

Dr. Bailey graduated from St. Paul High School in 1935; Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1941; and Michigan State Veterinarian School with a doctor of veterinary medicine degree in 1945.

Mr. Bailey

He practiced veterinary medicine in Kendallville from 1945 to 1959. From 1959 to 1969 he was a U.S. government poultry inspector. From 1970 to 2000 he worked for the City of Kendallville at the transfer site.

He also served 11 months in the Army in 1943.

Dr. Bailey was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Kendallville F&AM Lodge of Indiana No. 276. He celebrated 60 years of membership in 2000.

He was also a member of Trinity Church United Methodist.

Surviving are two sons, Brian R. Bailey of Indianapolis and Scott L. Bailey of LaGrange; a daughter and son-in-law, Julia A. and Don Grubaugh of LaOtto; two granddaughters, Jennifer and Christina Grubaugh of LaOtto; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Ivan L. Bailey of Greensburg, Roderick and Mary Bailey of St. Paul, and Donald and Hope Bailey of Lakeland, Fla.; and a sister, Pauline "Pat" Steen of Greenwood.

Preceding him in death was an infant son, Edward Lee Bailey, who died in 1950.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Dr. David Hogsett and the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial is in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. with Masonic services at 8 p.m. Additional calling is from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday

Memorials to the Trinity Church United Methodist building fund.

Charles Buhro

KENDALLVILLE — Charles L. Buhro, 84, died at 11:12 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

His sudden death followed admission to the hospital on Monday.

Mr. Buhro was born Oct. 24, 1916, in Racine, Wis., to Walter and Emma (Peterson) Buhro.

On April 15, 1946, he married Vivian Gibbs in Racine. She died in 1986.

Mr. Buhro was supervisor of drafting and records at Walker Manufacturing in Racine for 42 years. He retired in 1978. He was also an Army veteran.

Until his resignation in January he was secretary of the Kendallville Board of Zoning Appeals.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Natalie Buhro of Kendallville; two grandchildren, Bradley Buhro of Decatur, Ill., and Joshua Andrew Buhro of Kendallville; two great-grandchildren, Brenden and Brett Buhro, both of Decatur, Ill.; a sister, Adah Poisson of Sault St. Marie, Mich.; and three brothers, Robert Buhro of Sault St. Marie, Mich., Walter Buhro of Fort Fairfield, Maine, and William Buhro of Portage, Mich.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at the Church of the Nazarene, Kendallville, with the Revs. Oscar Sheets and Bradley Buhro officiating. Burial will be in West Lawn Memorial Park, Racine, on Feb. 12.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home and Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Church of the Nazarene.

Maya Christine Monroe Sweat

FORT WAYNE — Maya Christine Monroe Sweat, 3, died at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2001, in a house fire at a home on High Lake, Noble County.

Her mother, Sara Jane Hombach-Price, also died in the fire.

She had lived in Decatur for the past three months, but was a resident of Fort Wayne most of her life.

Maya Sweat

Surviving are her father, Horace Bryan Monroe Sweat Jr., Decatur; grandparents, Phyllis and Gene Price of rural Fort Wayne, Stephen C. Hombach of Dublin, Ohio, and Horace Bryan M. Sweat of Ohio; and a grandmother and stepgrandfather, Linda S. and Lynn Dager of Decatur.

Memorial services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Hope United Methodist Church, Hoagland, with the Rev. Erma Rohrer officiating. Calling is from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the Cornerstone House Recovery Center in care of Hope United Methodist Church.

Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel, Monroeville, is in charge of arrangements.

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Lela Haag

HOWE — Lela D. Haag, 67, died at 4:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. She died of natural causes.

Mrs. Haag was born March 16, 1933, to Douglas and Marie (Hart) Marks.

She married Delbert L. Haag July 10, 1956, in Mongo. He died in 1996.

Surviving are a son, Gary Marks of White Pigeon, Mich.; a daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Mark Paulus of LaGrange; three sisters, Betty Beach of Delphi; Margrete Wheeler of Centreville, Mich. and Ann David of Sturgis, Mich.; a brother, Richard Marks of LaGrange; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial is in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials to the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana.

Scott Targgart

SYRACUSE — Scott Targgart, 43, of Syracuse, formerly a resident of LaGrange County, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Targgart was born in DeKalb County on Oct. 31, 1957.

He was a self-employed subcontractor.

On Feb. 17, 1984, he married Teresa L. Hurst in Fort Wayne. She survives in Syracuse.

Also surviving are two children, Joy M. and Joshua S. Targgart, both of Syracuse; a stepson, Jonathan M. Hurst of Lake City, Tenn.; his father, Ronald D. Nichols of Lake Placid, Fla.; his stepfather, Larry Targgart of LaGrange; two half-sisters and a brother-in-law, Marla and Harley Miller of Wolcottville and Dawn Targgart of LaGrange.

His mother, Marianne M. (Felger) Targgart, preceded him in death.

A gathering at the family residence in Syracuse will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials are to the Targgart family.

Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

The News-Sun, Fri., Feb. 9, 2001,

Longtime Ligonier businessman dies

LIGONIER — Chester A. Reid, 87, died Thursday, Feb. 8, 2001, at 7:44 a.m. at Oak Leaf Village, where he had been a resident for about a month. He had been in declining health for several months.

Mr. Reid

He had been a Ligonier resident most of his life. He started out working for Stork Oil Co. In 1939 he bought a business in Ligonier that repaired a farm machinery. In 1964 he expanded his business to U.S. 6 and started Chet Reid's Car Parts and Reid's Lawnmower. He also had a business in Syracuse for a time. He had been in business in Ligonier for 57 years.

He was born Oct. 26, 1913, in Kendallville to Homer L. and Ella M. (Haas) Reid. On April 21, 1935, in Kendallville he married Irene H. Shultz, who survives. They had been married 65 years.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Paul A. and Clarene Reid of Ligonier; two daughters and a son-in-law, Dixie L. and Jack Madden of San Diego, Calif., and Peggy J. Norton of Sturgis, Mich.; a sister, Evelyn Gamble of Lake Havasu City. Ariz.; five grandchildren, Candace (Norton) Thierjung, Heidi (Norton) Whitney, Suzanne (Reid) Campbell, Regina (Reid) Yagel and Stephen Reid; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Homer, and a sister, Veleria "Babe" Feightner Emmert.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Hubert Harriman officiating. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Oak Leaf Village or Ligonier Evangelical Church.

Ida Kauffman

WAKARUSA — Ida L. Kauffman, 77, of Wakarusa, formerly of rural Middlebury, died at 1:25 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor, Wakarusa, where she had lived for two years. She had been ill since 1996 with Parkinson's Disease.

She moved from Kokomo to Middlebury in 1936. She worked for several years for the Village Inn Restaurant, Middlebury. She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Nov. 29, 1923 in Midland, Mich., to Servin and Fannie (Gingerich) Kauffman.

Surviving are a sister, Leora Kauffman of Middlebury; a brother-in-law, Earl Slagell; four sisters-in-law, Lizzie, Arie, Susie and Mary Kauffman; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Owen, Lee, Ira and Alfred Kauffman; and two sisters, Kathryn Sherby and Annabelle Slagell.

Services are 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Kenny Jones residence, 59445 C.R. 43, Middlebury, with Bishop Alvin Hershberger and the Revs. Perry Mast and Alpha Miller officiating. Burial will be at Miller Cemetery, Goshen.

Calling is after 10 a.m. Saturday at 59276 C.R. 43, Middlebury, her former residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

The News-Sun, Sat., Feb. 10, 2001,

Cheryl D. Hinkle

PORTLAND — Cheryl D. Hinkle, 53, of Portland, died unexpectedly Thursday Feb. 8, 2001, in the Jay County Hospital. She spent summers in the Kendallville area.

Mrs. Hinkle was born to Carl D. and Shirley M. (Bolt) Love, April 15, 1947, in South Bend. She graduated in 1965 from Riley High School, South Bend, and from Indiana University in 1969, with a degree in sociology. She was married Aug. 30, 1969, to William W. Hinkle. He survives.

She was a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church where she played hand bells with the Asbury Bell Choir for many years, served as church librarian, and served on many committees. She was a member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority, a past member of the Jay County United Way Board, a member of the Jay County Library Board, the Plant, Hoe and Hope Garden Club, the ladies bridge club and was very active with the Jay County Arts Council.

Also surviving her are her father, Carl D. Love of South Bend; one son, Wade W. Hinkle, Indianapolis; one daughter, Whitney L. Hinkle, Indianapolis; and one brother, Greg Love, South Bend.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday, in the Asbury United Methodist Church with Pastor Keith Olson officiating. Burial will follow in the Green Park Cemetery at Portland. Calling is from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday, in the Portland Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to the Asbury United Methodist Church Endowment Fund or the Jay County Cancer Fund.

Alice Rhodes

AVILLA — Alyce M. Rhodes, 58, died Friday evening at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Arrangements are pending Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

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Maymie McClain

HARTFORD CITY — Maymie L. McClain, 88, of Montpelier, died at 8:53 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, 2001, at Blackford County Hospital.

Mrs. McClain was born on Aug. 13, 1912, in Jay County to Joseph Edward and Mary Elizabeth (Coleman) Bricker.

She attended Trenton School in Trenton. Mrs. McClain also attended Ridertown United Brethren Church in Dunkirk and retired in 1975 from Sheller Globe-Montpelier after working there since 1949.

On Dec. 13, 1931, she married Dewy Leo Lewis McClain in Winchester. He preceded her in death on May 22, 1952.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. McClain was preceded in death by a son, Norman D. McClain; a sister, Gertrude M. Ford; one grandson; and three great-grandchildren.

Surviving are six sons, James E. McClain of Orland, Leo D. McClain of Bellfast, Tenn., Douglas W. McClain of Hartford City, and Adelma R., Keith A. and Truman J. McClain, all of Montpelier; a daughter, Betty L. Sills of Montpelier; six sisters, Georgia M. Knuckols of Millgrove, Alma I. Knuckols of Parker City, Elwanda L. Kelly of Trenton, and Gladys Qualls, June D. Wilson and Bonnie M. Disinger, all of Dunkirk; 22 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and five great-great grandchildren.

Services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Monday at Glancy Funeral Homes-Walker Chapel in Montpelier, with the Rev. Bob Bothast officiating.

Calling is from 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Twin Hill Cemetery in Pennville.

William Hazelton Sr.

FORT WAYNE — William J. Hazelton Sr., 80, died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2001, at Regency Place in Fort Wayne.

Born in Continental, Ohio, Mr. Hazelton was employed with the U.S. Postal Service for 37 years in the Special Delivery Department before retiring in 1979.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marie (Winebrenner), in December 1989.

Mr. Hazelton was a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, American Legion Post 47, and U.S. Postal Service Carriers Union.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Marine Corps as one of Carlson's Raiders. He received the Purple Heart award for his service in the Pacific battles at Guadalcanal and Tarawa.

Surviving are three sons, Donald E. Hendricks of LaCrescenta, Calif., Melvin A. Hendricks Sr. of Fort Wayne, and Bill Hazelton Jr. of Evansville; four daughters, Jacqueline Heyneman of Bedford, Fran Ort of New Haven, Kathi J. Clifton of Spencerville and Georjean Bush of Fort Wayne; and 22 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren.

Prayers are Monday at 9:30 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Church in Fort Wayne.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home, with a vigil service at 4:30 p.m.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery with military graveside services provide by American Legion Post 47.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice or Turnstone Center.

Verna Weaver

LAGRANGE — Verna Ellen Weaver, 63, died Saturday, Feb. 10, 2001, at 3:30 p.m. at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

She had been in declining health the past year and was moved from her home in Topeka to the nursing home just one day prior to her death. She had resided in Topeka the last nine years, coming from Cromwell.

Mrs. Weaver

Mrs. Weaver was an owner/operator of various restaurants. She last worked at Tiffany's Restaurant in Topeka. She also did a lot of Amish taxi work.

She was a member of Eden Community Worship Center and was active in Sunday school and Vacation Bible School at several churches.

Mrs. Weaver was born Oct. 5, 1937, in Goshen to Menno D. and Barbara Ann (Hostetler) Miller. Her mother survives in Middlebury

On Oct. 27, 1955, she married Mahlon Jay Weaver in Goshen. He also survives.

Also surviving are four sisters, Ida Mae Weaver of Hartville, Ohio, Ruth Miller of Wolcottville, Lorene Hershberger of Apple Creek, Ohio, and Esther Irene Miller of Bloomfield, Ohio; four brothers, Jonas M. Miller of Millersburg, Vernon J. Miller of Loveland, Colo., Leroy Miller of Colorado Springs, Colo., and David Miller of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Maple Grove Church in Topeka, with the Rev. Harold Gingerich of Eden Community Worship Center and the Rev. Alpha Miller officiating.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Maple Grove Church, and one hour prior to funeral services Tuesday.

Burial will be in Townline Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home of Middlebury is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to her family for funeral expenses, in care of Eden Community Worship Center.

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Harriet Mims

FREMONT — Harriet Jane Mims, 83, died Saturday, Feb. 10, 2001, in Fremont.

Mrs. Mims was born Jan. 30, 1918, in Berne to Edward and Arvada (Lantz) Augsburger.

On Jan. 14, 1962, she married Walter Mims, who survives. Her first husband, David Liechty, died in 1961.

Mrs. Mims was a homemaker, but formerly worked for General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne. She was also co-owner of Mims Apple Orchard.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Coldwater, Mich., for 48 years. She served as a Sunday school teacher for 30-plus years and was superintendent of the kindergarten department for 30 years.

Mrs. Mims was active in many organizations. She was a member of the Sweet Adeline Chorus of Coldwater, the Town & Country Club of Fremont, the Sorosis Literacy Club in Fremont, and a 25-year member of the Angola Women's Bowling League.

Also surviving with her husband are two sons, Doug Liechty of Horton, Mich., and Larry Liechty of Fremont; a daughter and son-in-law, Terri and Jeff Robertson of Muncie; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Bryce Augsburger, and a sister, Lois Bruns.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. John Benham officiating.

Calling is from 5-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

Memorials are to the donors' choice.

Alyce Rhodes

AVILLA — Alyce M. Rhodes, 58, died Friday, Feb. 9, 2001, at 4:45 p.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Rhodes was born in Auburn on Dec. 10, 1942, to Spencer and Mildred (Snyder) Bard. She worked at Taylor-Made Inc. in Kendallville for 10 years after moving from Corunna in 1963.

On Nov. 2, 1963, she married Allen Rhodes at Maple Grove United Church of the Brethren in DeKalb County. He survives.

Also surviving are her mother; her mother-in-law, Marsha Rhodes of Avilla; two sons, Brad Rhodes of Medaryville and Mark Rhodes of LaOtto; a daughter, Rene Pruitt of Kendallville; six grandchildren, Samantha, Jarrod, Alyceson and Courtney Rhodes, and Sydney and Rhys Pruitt; three sisters, Necia Myers of Waterloo, and Marty Hissong and Robyn Eddy, both of Auburn; and three aunts, Vera Haines of Easton, Md., Opal Beck of Kendallville, and Beatrice Synder of Auburn.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla, with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating.

Mrs. Brown was a member of the church.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla, and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Avilla.

Memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

June Brown

AUBURN — June M. Brown, 71, died Saturday, Feb. 10, 2001, at 2 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She retired in 1983 after 15 years as a nurse at Souder Hospital in Auburn.

She was born Dec. 30, 1929, in Noble County to Lyle and Maudena (Ditter) Mulholland.

She married Edwin Brown on July 14, 1951, in Angola. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Robert Brown and Kennith Brown, both of Auburn; three sisters, Marilee Obendorf and Shirley Blevins, both of Auburn, and Margret Patton of Mousie, Ky.; two grandchildren, Dirrick and Brook Brown; and one great-grandchild, Lillieann Brown.

She was preceded in death by a brother, James Mulholland, and a sister, Martha Emerman.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Donald Shankster of Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, Corunna, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, Corunna.

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Grace Barta

FORT WAYNE — Grace "Gerry" G. Barta of Fort Wayne died Friday, Feb. 9, 2001, at Woodview Health Care.

She was a DeKalb County native, and was a former teacher with Fort Wayne Community Schools. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church and a member of the Indiana State Retired Teachers Association.

Surviving are her husband, Joseph Jr.; a daughter, Carol Wene of Corunna; sons Brent Barta of Zionsville and David Barta of Belvidere, Ill.; a sister, Claire Windoffer of Alabama; brothers George and Charles Oberlin, both of Fort Wayne; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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W. June Mark

AVILLA — W. June Mark, 77, died at 5:07 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, 2001, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble hospital.

She was born March 26, 1923, in Angola to Dale and Wildus (Dailey) Fanning.

On Dec. 6, 1945, she married Don Mark at the Chapel in Angola. He survives in Avilla.

Mrs. Mark spent 28 1/2 years as a bookkeeper/receptionist at Family Medical Clinic in Avilla. During World War II she worked at G.E.

She was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

Also surviving are a son, Stan Mark of Angola; and a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Jerry Becker of Kendallville; four grandchildren, Kevin and Julie Becker, Joe and Carrie Huelsenbeck, Tony Mark and Drew Mark; three sisters, Maxine Woodworth of Angola, Phyllis Lobdell of Detroit, Mich., and Mary Johnson of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Robert Fanning of Angola.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Marcella Seavy, and a brother, William Joseph Fanning.

Services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla, with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating. Burial is in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, and also an hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

A. June McCreery

KENDALLVILLE — A June McCreery, 79, died at 2:36 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, 2001, at Parkview Noble hospital, Kendallville. She had been ill since October.

She was born in LaPorte on June 17, 1921, to Welcome Willard and Engla Christina (Erickson) Short.

On Oct. 28, 1950, she married Milton Hall McCreery in Fort Wayne. He died in 1987.

An avid churchgoer, she was a member of Green Chapel Redeemed Church.

She lived in Kendallville since 1959, coming from Albion. Mrs. McCreery was a nurse's aide at McCray Hospital, retiring in 1983 after 23 years. She also worked at Irene Byron in Fort Wayne

~~Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen G. and Dawn~~ McCreery of Rome City; a stepson and daugther-in-law, Jon and Judy McCreery of Mobile, Ala.; two stepdaughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Gerald Wentworth of Kendallville and Carolyn and Jack Sperback of Lafayette; a sister, Mary Jane Byerwalter of Western Springs, Ill.; 20 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a stepson, Gene Arnold McCreery.

Services are at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Roger Russell officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery at a later date.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Green Chapel Redeemed Church.

Alyce Rhodes

AVILLA — Alyce M. Rhodes, 58, died Friday, Feb. 9, 2001, at 4:45 p.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was born Dec. 10, 1942 in Auburn to Spencer and Mildred (Snyder) Bard. She worked at Taylor-Made Inc. in Kendallville for 10 years after moving from Corunna in 1963.

Mrs. Rhodes

On Nov. 2, 1963, she married Allen Rhodes at Maple Grove United Church of the Brethren in DeKalb County. He survives.

Also surviving are her mother; her mother-in-law, Marsha Rhodes of Avilla; two sons, Brad Rhodes of Medaryville and Mark Rhodes of LaOtto; a daughter, Rene Pruitt of Kendallville; six grandchildren, Samantha, Jarrod, Alyceson and Courtney Rhodes, and Sydney and Rhys Pruitt; three sisters, Necia Myers of Waterloo, and Marty Hissong and Robyn Eddy, both of Auburn; and three aunts, Vera Haines of Easton, Md., Opal Beck of Kendallville, and Beatrice Synder of Auburn.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla, with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating.

Mrs. Rhodes was a member of the church.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla, and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Avilla.

Memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

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Helen Bolenbaugh

GARRETT — Helen Geiger Bolenbaugh, 68, died today, Feb. 12, 2001, at her daughter's home in Garrett.

She formerly lived at Tri-Lakes and rural Churubusco.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Don Mendenhall in 1953, and Alfred Bolenbaugh, who died in 1983.

Surviving her are five daughters and three sons-in-law, Ellen and Steve LaRue of Columbia City, Joan Walker of Columbia City, Donna LaRue of Camarillo, Calif., Faith and Dean Harshman of Churubusco, and Bonnie and Troy Bigalow of Auburn; her mother, Mary Geiger of Churubusco; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Paul and Judy Geiger, Charles and Joyce Geiger, and Harry and Kay Geiger, all of Churubusco; five sisters and four brothers-in-law, Leona and William Uptgraft of Merriam, Claire and Gary Nuenthel of Edgerton, Wis., Mary Ann Gaerte of Albion, Bonnie and William Schirmeyer of Fort Wayne, and Pauline and Jerry Lane of Little Suamico, Wis.

Arrangments are pending at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

June Brown

AUBURN — June M. Brown, 71, died Saturday, Feb. 10, 2001, at 2 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She retired in 1983 after 15 years as a nurse at Souder Hospital in Auburn.

She was born Dec. 30, 1929, in Noble County to Lyle and Maudena (Deter) Mulholland.

She married Edwin Brown on July 14, 1951, in Angola. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Robert Brown and Kenneth Brown, both of Auburn; three sisters, Marilee Obendorf and Shirley Blevins, both of Auburn, and Margret Patton of Mousie, Ky.; two grandchildren, Derrick and Brook Brown; and one great-grandchild, Lillieann Brown.

She was preceded in death by a brother, James Mulholland, and a sister, Martha Amerman.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Donald Shankster of Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, Corunna, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, Corunna.

Paul Minnich

HOAGLAND — Paul F Minnich, 62, died Thursday, Feb. 8, 2001, in New Haven.

He was born March 20, 1938, in Allen County's Madison Township. He was a farmer and lifetime resident of Hoagland.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hessen Cassel.

Surviving are his wife, Joan Minnich of Hoagland; a daughter, Kerry Minnich at home; three sons, Russell Minnich, Christopher Minnich and Rory Minnich, all at home; five sisters, Rose Mary Konger of LaOtto, and Eileen Schuler, Patricia Proegler, Margaret Konger and Clara Minnich, all of Fort Wayne; and three brothers, Max Minnich, William Minnich and Joseph Minnich, all of Hoagland.

Services were at 11 a.m. today at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven. Burial was in IOOF Cemetery, New Haven.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice or Cancer Services of Allen County.

Carl Smith

AUBURN — Carl L. Smith, 47, died Saturday, Feb. 10, 2001, at his Auburn home.

He was a product supervisor at Kraft Foods in Kendallville.

Mr. Smith was born Oct. 4, 1953, in Washington, Ind., to Lester and Patsy (Stephens) Smith. They survive in Washington.

He married Terri Brewer on March 6, 1982, in Washington, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Caitlin D. Smith and Megan R. Smith, both of Auburn; and two brothers, Sam Smith of Washington and Kent Smith of Edgewood, Ky.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. Roger Greas officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Megan and Caitlin Smith Scholarship Fund.

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Helen Bolenbaugh

CHURUBUSCO — Helen M. Bolenbaugh, 68, a former resident of Tri-Lakes and rural Churubusco, died at 6:50 a.m. Monday, Feb. 12, 2001, at her daughter's residence south of Garrett. She had been seriously ill since September.

Mrs. Bolenbaugh

She spent most of her formative years in the Churubusco area. She was a member of the Gilbert Davis American Legion Ladies Auxiliary in Churubusco. She retired in 1988 from Dana Corp. after five years.

She was born Sept. 15, 1932, in Allen County to Earl G. and Mary (Harter) Geiger. Her mother survives. On Aug. 19, 1950, she married Don Mendenhall, who preceded her in death Sept. 25, 1953. On July 18, 1961, she married Alfred E. Bolenbaugh. He preceded her in death Dec. 12, 1983.

Surviving with her mother are five daughters and three sons-in-law, Ellen and Steve LaRue and Joan Walker, all of Columbia City, Donna LaRue of Camarillo, Calif., Faith and Dean Harshman of Churubusco, and Bonnie and Troy Bigelow of rural Auburn; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Willis Bolenbaugh, and James and Kelly Bolenbaugh, all of Churubusco; two stepsons, Robert Bolenbaugh of Fort Wayne and Lee Bolenbaugh of Angola; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Paul and Judy, Charles and Joyce and Harry and Kay Geiger, all of Churubusco; five sisters and four brothers-in-law, Leona and William Uptgraft of Merriam, Claire and Gary Nuenthel of Edgerton, Wis., Mary Ann Gaerte of Albion, Bonnie and William Schirmeyer of Fort Wayne and Pauline and Jerry Lane of Little Suamico, Wis.; 19 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death with her father and two husbands were a brother, George Geiger, and a stepdaughter, Melanie Bolenbaugh.

Services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with pastors Paul D. White and Dell Harshman of Churubusco Church of the Nazarene officiating. Burial will be at Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Calling is from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Hospice, Auburn.

Lawrence Magsamen

FORT WAYNE — Lawrence W. "Larry" Magsamen, 69, died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2001, at his home.

The Fort Wayne native retired in 1986 as vice president of International-Global Van Lines after 12 years. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Diane; two sons, John W. of Fishers and Joshua of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Kate M. Lewis and Sarah A. Magsamen, both of Fort Wayne; a sister, LaDonna R. Magsamen of Wolcottville; and seven grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial is 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 6-8 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with a rosary service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Carol Wolf

DECATUR — Carol A. Wolf, 60, died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Plymouth native retired from North American Van Lines.

Surviving are her husband, Howard O.; her mother, Helen E. Welty; a daughter, Connie Brandt of Decatur; three sisters, Janet Borton of Churubusco, Sue Ann Mizell of Dallas and Helene Dunlap of Jacksonville, Fla.; a brother, Lyle Welty of Cleveland; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Ken A. Wolf.

Services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur. Burial will be at Decatur Cemetery.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to her grandchildren's education fund.

Esther Dobski

KENDALLVILLE — Esther M. Dobski, 93, died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2001, at 3 a.m. at Parkview Noble hospital.

She was a resident of Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center for the last three years.

Among survivors are a son and daughter-in-law, Burton and Bobbie DeRusha of Lake of the Woods, and a granddaughter, Kim Sharp of Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Charles Goddard

ROME CITY — Charles Fredrick Goddard, 82, died at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, 2001 at Parkview Noble hospital, Kendallville after a four-month illness.

He moved to Rome City from California in May, 1998. He had lived at Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home since October. He worked for the New York Central Railroad in Danville, Ill. for 20 years. In California he owned a janitorial service for 10 years and worked at Daytron as a maintenance engineer for 10 years. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II.

He was born Oct. 26, 1918 in Danville, Ill. to Carl G. and Miriam Gladys (Purnell) Goddard. In December, 1938 in Vetersburg he married Martha Gritten, who preceded him in death in September, 1980. In November, 1982 in Ventura, Calif. he married Sarah Barnett, who preceded him in death in March, 1998.

He was also preceded in death by a granddaughter.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David T. and Joana Goddard of Avilla; four daughters and sons-in-law, Joy and Wayne Krull of Lockwood, Calif., Sherry and Jeff Rodriguez of San Fernando, Calif., Jill and Bruce Hooker of Celina, Ohio and Tina and Robert Smith of Rome City; a sister, Doris Richard of Danville, Ill.; 15 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

There are no services. Burial will be Thursday at Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

There is no calling.

Elmer Goodman

WATERLOO — Elmer Ray "Red" Goodman, 62, died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2001, in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Goodman was retired as a construction worker for Zimmerman Construction in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Butler Eagles lodge.

He was born May 19, 1937, in Floyd County, Ky., to Clint and Ellen (Conley) Goodman.

He married Linda Powers on March 15, 1985, in Noble County, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Carlos Goodman of Moline, Ill., Bobby Turner of Spencerville and Paul Turner of Angola; three daughters, Glenda Guenin of Kendallville, Rita Goodman of Waterloo and Katrinna Abney of Dixon, Ill.; five brothers, Dave of Stroh, Bill of Mongo, Harold of Avilla, James of Rome City, and Claude of Kendallville; four sisters, Audrey Wallen, Elladean Mitchel and Elizabeth Goodman, all of Kendallville, and Jean Colburn of Corunna; and 10 grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Doug Tuttle and Harvey Tuttle officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Helen Bolenbaugh

TRI-LAKES -- Helen M. Bolenbaugh, 68, a former resident of Tri-Lakes and also rural Churubusco, died at 6:50 a.m. Monday, February 12, 2001, at the residence of her daughter, south of Garrett. She had been in declining health for some time, and had been seriously ill since September.

Mrs. Bolenbaugh was born in Allen County on September 15, 1932, a daughter of Earl G. and Mary Harter Geiger, and spent most of her formative years in the Churubusco area.

On August 19, 1950, she was married to Don Mendenhall. He preceded her in death on September 25, 1953. Her second marriage took place on July 18, 1961 to Alfred E. Bolenbaugh. He died on December 12, 1983.

A member of the Gilbert Davis American Legion Ladies Auxiliary in Churubusco, she retired in 1988 from Dana Corporation in Churubusco after five years.

Among the surviving relatives are five daughters Ellen (Mrs. Steve) LaRue and Joan Walker, both of Columbia City, Donna LaRue of Camarillo, Calif., Faith (Mrs. Dean) Harshman of Churubusco, and Bonnie (Mrs. Troy) Bigelow of rural Auburn; two sons, Willis Bolenbaugh and James (wife Kelly) Bolenbaugh, all of Churubusco; and two stepsons, Robert Bolenbaugh of Fort Wayne and Lee Bolenbaugh of Angola.

Also surviving are her mother, Mary Geiger of Churubusco; three brothers, Paul (wife Judy) Geiger, Charles (wife Joyce) Geiger, and Harry (wife Kay) Geiger, all of Churubusco; and five sisters Leona (Mrs. William) Uptgraft of Merriam, Claire (Mrs. Gary) Nuenthel of Edgerton, Wisc., Mary Ann Gaerte of Albion , and Bonnie (Mrs. William) Schirmeyer of Fort Wayne, and Pauline (Mrs. Jerry) Lane of Little Suamico, Wisc. There are 19 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her father and two husbands, she was preceded in death by a brother George Geiger; and stepdaughter Melanie Bolenbaugh.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastors Paul D. White and Dell Harshman of Churubusco Church of the Nazarene, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the mortuary today from 2-8 p.m.

Interment will be in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the DeKalb County Hospice, Auburn.

The News-Sun, Wed., Feb. 14, 2001,

Berenice Lemaux

KENDALLVILLE — Berenice E. Lemaux, 89, died at 11:41 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2001, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Kendallville, where she had resided for the last eight years. She had been in failing health for a number of years.

Ms. Lemaux was born June 17, 1911, in Ridgeville to Claude and Margaret (Hendrickson) Lemaux. She lived in this area for 23 years, coming from Portland.

She attended First Christian Church, Kendallville.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Jack Skinner of Kendallville; a niece; and several nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Frank Lemaux.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at the chapel at Lake View Cemetery, with the Rev. Dr. Daniel Barker of Trinity Church United Methodist officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

There will be no visitation.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Dennis Bieber

WOLCOTTVILLE — Dennis R. Bieber, 50, died Monday, Feb. 12, 2001, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a porter for Sears for 30 years.

Surviving are three sisters, Patricia Bieber of Wolcottville, Sharon Ringer of Fort Wayne and Anne Webb of Paulding, Ohio; and a brother, Larry Bieber of Sebastopol, Calif.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour before services. Calling is also from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with vigil services at 7:30 p.m.

Burial is in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Hospital Burn Unit.

Services Held

LIGONIER — Services for **Chester A. Reid,** 87, of Ligonier were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, 2001, with the Rev. Hubert Harriman officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Pallbearers were Forrest Feightner, Homer Feightner, John Reid, Alan Shultz, Don Shultz and Kent Shultz.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Eugene L. "Brownie" Brown** were held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, 2001, at Hite Funeral Home.

The Rev. Robert Muller officiated. Burial was in Wright Cemetery, Hudson.

Pallbearers were Rod Howdyshell, John Fuelling, Roger Lash, Eric Lash, Kristian Jarrett and J.R. Miller.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Cleo G. Halsey** were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2001, at Beacon Baptist Church.

The Rev. Ron Stratman officiated. Burial was in Woodruff Cemetery, LaGrange County.

Pallbearers were Larry Donat, Brent Donat, Jim Brown, Mark Halsey, Steve Guy and Donald Turner.

Honorary pallbearers were Stephen and Samuel Stratman.

Arrangements were made by Hite Funeral Home.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Lyle "Doc" Bailey** were at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, 2001, at Hite Funeral Home.

The Rev. David Hogsett and the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiated. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Adrian Nowels, Randy Smith, Shawn Way, Mark Decker, Kent Harding and Kevin Kelham, and included members of Masonic Lodge of Kendallville 276 F&AM, of which Bailey was a 60-year member.

Charles Goddard

ROME CITY — Charles Fredrick Goddard, 82, of Rome City died at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville. He had been living at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home since October when he became ill.

He was born Oct. 26, 1918, in Danville, Ill., to Carl G. and Miriam Gladys (Purnell) Goddard.

In December 1938 he married Martha Gritten in Veedersburg. She died in September 1980. In November 1982 he married Sarah Barnett in Ventura, Calif. She died in March 1998.

He came to the area from California in May 1998.

Mr. Goddard was employed by New York Central Railroad in Danville, Ill., for 20 years. He owned a janitorial service in California for 10 years and was a maintenance engineer for 10 years. He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David T. and Joana Goddard of Avilla; four daughters and sons-in-law, Joy and Wayne Krull of Lockwood, Calif., Sherry and Jess Rodriguez of San Fernando, Calif., Jill and Bruce Hooker of Celina, Ohio, and Tina and Robert Smith of Rome City; 15 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Doris Richards of Danville, Ill.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter.

There will be no services or calling. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City, on Thursday at 1 p.m.

Arrangements are by Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Charles L. Buhro** were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, 2001, at the Kendallville Church of the Nazarene.

The Revs. Oscar Sheets and Bradley Buhro officiated. Burial was Monday in West Lawn Memorial Park, Racine, Wis.

Arrangements were by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Keiley Reid

LAGRANGE — Keiley Marie Reid, 1 day old, died Friday, Feb. 9, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born Feb. 8, 2001, to Christopher S. Reid and Kimberly S. Currier.

Surviving are her parents, a twin brother, Riley Tayler Reid; maternal grandparents, Gene and Deb Currier of White Pigeon, Mich.; paternal grandparents, Thomas and Karen Reid of Howe and Tim and Janice Pelfrey of Wolcottville; great-grandparents; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service will be held at First Church of God, LaGrange, at noon Saturday with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating.

There will be private graveside services at the White Pigeon Cemetery.

There is no visitation.

Memorials are to the family.

Arrangements are by Farrand Funeral Home, White Pigeon, Mich.

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F. Lee Owen

ALBION — F. Lee Owen, 67, died Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Owen was born to Elvie and Sarah (Kimmell) Owen on March 22, 1933, in Noble County and was a lifetime resident.

Mr. Owen

On Dec. 29, 1966, he married Nelda Weber in Albion. She survives.

A 1952 graduate of Wolf Lake High School, Mr. Owen worked at Dana Corp. for 42 years, retiring in 1995.

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Albion, and American Legion Post No. 246, Albion. He was also an avid golfer and fisherman.

He was an Army veteran and a member of the 40&8.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Jeannie and Perry Jordon of Albion, and Brenda Harper of Cromwell; a son and daughter-in-law, Monte and Nancy Egolf of Albion; four grandchildren, Jessie and Ryan Egolf of Albion and Lynsi and Joe Harper of Cromwell; a sister, Eva Belle Malott of LaGrange; two nieces; and a nephew.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Alene Rothrock.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Albion, with Pastor Ann Marshall officiating. Burial is in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam. Calling is Friday from 2 to 8 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour prior to services at the church on Saturday.

Memorials are to the Cancer Fund or to American Legion Post No. 246, Albion.

Jacqueline Sams

MIDDLEBURY — Jacqueline A. Sams, 60, died at 5:39 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2001, in the Goshen General Hospital emergency room. Her death was unexpected.

Ms. Sams

Ms. Sams was born Jan. 10, 1941, in Worcester, Mass., to Raymond and Rosalie Huff. They both survive in Phoenix, Ariz.

Ms. Sams lived in Middlebury the last 29 years. She worked part-time at Sirco Industries in Elkhart.

She was a member of Eden Community Worship Center in Topeka where she taught Sunday school and was president of Women with Purpose.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sheri and Ramon Flores of Jordan, Minn.; a son, Mark Stump of Middlebury; 11 grandchildren; a great-grandson; a sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Fred Godsey of Mesa, Ariz.; a brother, Ray Huff Jr. of Seaterville, R.I.; and a special friend and care giver, Anna Miller.

She was preceded in death by a son, Robert Stump.

Services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at Eden Community Worship Center, Topeka, with the Rev. Harold Gingerich and the Rev. Joe Swartz officiating. Burial is in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Eden Community Worship Center, Topeka.

Memorials are to the Jacqueline Sams family for funeral expenses, in care of Eden Community Worship Center, Topeka.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

E. Louella Mavis

AUBURN — E. Louella V. Mavis, 88, died Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2001, at 3:35 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Mavis was a former employee of the Auburn Automobile Co. and a homemaker. She lived most of her life in Auburn. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and Entre Nous Literary Club, both in Auburn. She was a 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star and was a member of its Auburn chapter.

She was born Feb. 25, 1912, in Hagerstown, Md., to Samuel Roy and Jessi (West) Yingling.

She married Karl H. Mavis on May 6, 1930, in Columbia City. He died May 6, 1976.

Surviving her are two daughters-in-law, Lorna Mavis of Auburn and Donna Mavis of Albany, Ind.; two sisters, Dorothy Pfeiffer of Garrett and Virginia Herman of Edgerton, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Karl Mavis, Karen Gilbert, Mike Mavis, Brad Mavis, Tim Schuman, Ellen Snyder and Suzanne Schuman-Rister; 20 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Karl Eugene "Gene" Mavis and Donald Mavis; two brothers, Roy and Kenneth Yingling; and one sister, Margaret Yingling.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home. An Order of Eastern Star service will be held Sunday evening.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church elevator fund.

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Fred Lemmon

MARION — Fred B. Lemmon, 81, of Marion passed away at 10:10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2001, at Herrin Hospital.

Mr. Lemmon was born June 29, 1919, in Albion to Frank S. and Ethel Helen (Belt) Lemmon.

He married Estelle Zajicek on Aug. 26, 1943, in Ripley, Tenn. She survives.

Mr. Lemmon was an active member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Marion. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He was with the 8th Air Force where he flew 25 missions as a bombardier in the European Theater.

He was also an active member of Gideons International, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Senior Citizens Council, and the Prisoner Family Support Cooperative Extension Service Council.

He was a lifetime member of the Hamilton Masonic Lodge No. 33 AF&AM and a member of Marion Masonic Lodge No. 89 AF&AM.

He worked as an area adviser for the University of Illinois as a farm management field man. He also managed dairy cattle and beef cattle cross-breeding experiments at Conner Prairie Farms near Noblesville.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Marion, with the Rev. James Slone officiating. Additional services and burial in Houston National Cemetery, Houston, Texas, will take place at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday. Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Meredith-Blue Funeral Home.

Esther Dobski

KENDALLVILLE — Esther M. Dobski, 93, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2001, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare, where she had resided the last three years after moving to this area with her son, Burton DeRusha.

She was born Feb. 19, 1907, to Harvey and Sarah (McCray) Montgomery.

She married Edmund Dobski in 1977 in Detroit. He preceded her in death Feb. 11, 1995.

Mrs. Dobski spent all her married life and working years in the Detroit area, living in Ferndale, Mich. She worked many years at General Motors in Detroit and retired from there in 1972.

She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Burton and Bobbie DeRusha of Hudson; a daughter, Evelyn DeRusha of Fort Dick, Calif.; two granddaughters and their husbands, Kimberley and Rick Sharp of Kendallville, and Karen and Douglas Stein of Watertown, Wis.; a grandson and his wife, Kent and Cathy DeRusha of Milford, Mich.; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Chapel of Flowers, in Troy, Mich., with her grandson-in-law, the Rev. Douglas Stein, officiating.

There will be private visitation for the family.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Ormsby

WOLCOTTVILLE — Robert W. Ormsby, 73, died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

He was born Feb. 23, 1927, in Wells County to James DeLoss and Lela Elzey Ormsby.

He retired from Magnavox in 1968 after 25 years. He retired from Gridcraft in 1986 after 18 years. He then worked at House of Spirits in Kendallville.

Mr. Ormsby was a member of the Rome City American Legion and the Magnavox Quarter Century Club.

Surviving are his wife, Norma Ormsby of Wolcottville; two sons, Daniel W. Ormsby of Birmingham, Ala., and Keith L. Ormsby of St. Joe; a daughter, Cathy Wenger of Fort Wayne; and two brothers, Vaughn and Donald Ormsby, both of Bluffton.

Services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Elzey and Haggard Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne, with burial at Oaklawn in Ossian with military graveside services by American Legion Post No. 241.

Calling is 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, and one hour before services Saturday, at the funeral home. Memorials to Parkwood Church of God, Fort Wayne, and Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

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Kathryn Elderkin

LAGRANGE — Kathryn Price Elderkin, 94, of Davidson, N.C., died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2001, at Pines Health Care, Davidson. She is a former LaGrange resident.

She was born Aug. 25, 1906, to Lewis and Helen (Sears) Price.

On March 10, 1928, she married F.D. Elderkin in LaGrange. He died Aug. 6, 1993.

Surviving are a daughter, Helen Merrell of Arlington, Va., two sons, William Elderkin of Lexington, Ky., and Charles Elderkin of Charlotte, N.C.; a sister, Margaret Price Hostetler of Louisville, Ky.; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Richard Elderkin, on Dec. 27, 1995; two sisters, Lois Huss and Irene Emerson; and a brother, Sears Price.

Graveside services are at 11:30 a.m. Saturday in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange, with the Rev. Dexter Garman officiating. Visitation is 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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Vernon Smith

FORT WAYNE — Vernon C. Smith, 71, died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2001, at home in Fort Wayne.

The Fort Wayne native was an expediter with International Harvester for 38 years, retiring in 1986. He was a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church, American Legion Post 47 and United Auto Workers Local 305. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife, Judy L.; two daughters, Deborah K. Fremion and Lisa A. Myers, both of Fort Wayne; a son, Terry V. Smith of Carmel; a sister, Gloria Trueblood of Wolcottville; two brothers, John B. Smith of Hammond and Robert L. Smith of Fort Wayne; and eight grandchildren.

Memorial services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 2417 Getz Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling is one hour before services at the church.

Memorials are to the Aldersgate United Methodist Church Library or Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice.

Arrangements are by D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home.

The News-Sun, Sat., Feb. 17, 2001,

Service held

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **Berenice E. Lemaux** were held at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 16, 2001, in the Chapel at Lake View Cemetery. The Rev. Dr. Daniel Barker officiated. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

The News-Sun, Mon., Feb. 19, 2001,

John Back

WOLCOTTVILLE — John L. Back, 76, of Wolcottville, died at 10:10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, 2001, at Cameron Hospital, Angola. He had been ill for one month.

Mr. Back was born March 15, 1924, in Vest, Ky., to Dishman and Coraie (Fraizer) Back.

On April 4, 1946, he married Nannie Williams in Hindman, Ky. She survives.

He moved to this area from Kentucky in 1962.

While in Kentucky, Back was a coal miner for 15 years and worked at a sawmill. He retired in 1991 after 21 years with Starcraft in Topeka.

He was a World War II veteran and a member of Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church, Lisbon.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Janice and Larry Patrick of Wolcottville, Margie and Steve Tritch of Angola, Minnie Belchner of Wolcottville, and Aleen and Jerry McCoy of Wolcottville; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Minnie Back of Scottsburg and Mae Molzworth of Marrow, Ga.

He was preceded in death by six brothers and sisters.

Services are Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church, Lisbon, with the Rev. Russell Hicks and the Rev. Morris Wicker officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville, where the Rev. Mitchell Patrick will lead a 7 p.m. service.

Maxwell Neuhouser

LIGONIER — Maxwell Neuhouser, 73, of Ligonier, died Saturday, Feb. 17, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor, Syracuse, where he had been a resident for the last several months. He had been in declining health.

He was born Oct. 18, 1927, in Allen County to Levi and Katie (Leitchy) Neuhouser.

On Dec. 14, 1963, he married Dot Sutherlin on Dec. 14, 1963, in Indianapolis. She survives.

He lived in Ligonier for more than 30 years, coming from Fort Wayne.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean War.

He was a truck driver for Keen Transport and a member of Wawasee Lakeside Chapel. He was also a member of West Noble American Legion Post 243.

Surviving are four sons, Richard Neuhouser of Fort Wayne, Michael Bell of Wetmore, Mich.; Allen Atteberry of Cromwell and Richard Atteberry of Syracuse; two daughters, Shirley Williams and Sally Neuhouser, both of Ligonier; two brothers, Merle Neuhouser and Edwin Neuhouser, both of Sarasota, Fla.; and four sisters, Velma Klopfenstein of Brandenton, Fla., Mabelle Roher of Sarasota, Fla., Pearl Silcox of Pensacola, Fla., and Darlene Miller of Sarasota, Fla.; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Freda.

Services are 1 p.m. Tuesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, with the Rev. Harlan Steffen officiating. Burial is in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or National Emphysema Foundation.

Carthel Coffey

MADISON — Carthel E. Coffey, 75, of Madison, died at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, 2001, in Madison.

Mr. Coffey was born July 19, 1925, to Richard and Edna (Johnson) Coffey in Ono, Ky.

During World War II he served in the Seabees in the United States Navy, hopping the islands in the Pacific Theatre and building runways behind advancing U.S. ground troops.

He later worked as a construction supervisor and union agent, then later as an auctioneer and flea marketer.

He was a former commander of VFW Post 1969, Madison, and was also a member of Jefferson Post No. 9, the American Legion, Eagles No. 1158, and Moose Lodge No. 765.

Surviving are two sons, Randy Coffey of Angola and Gene Coffey of Kendallville; one stepson, Jerry Petre of Angola; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Eulena Campbell of Madison and Ruth Bayne of Shelbyville; two brothers, Gus Coffey and Frank Coffey, both of Shelbyville; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death was a brother, Richard Coffey.

Services are 1 p.m. Wednesday at Morgan-Webster-Nay Funeral Home, Madison, with burial at Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Madison.

Calling is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to VFW Post 1969.

The News-Sun, Tues., Feb. 20, 2001,

Laura King

ALBION — Laura L. King, 40, died Saturday, Feb. 17, 2001, at Mercy Hospital in Grayling, Mich., where she had lived for three years, moving from Upper Long Lake in Noble County.

Mrs. King

She was born Oct. 5, 1960, in Kendallville.

On July 28, 1984, she married Randy King. He survives in Grayling with their daughter, April.

She was a self-employed carpet installer and a member of the bowling league in Houghton Lake, Mich.

Surviving in addition to her husband and daughter are her father and stepmother, William B. and Ruth (Beckner) Mawhorter of Albion; her grandmother, Ina Mawhorter of Albion; her stepgrandmother, Gloria Beckner; two sisters, Sandy Ellet of Wolf Lake and Penny Turner of Syracuse; a half-sister, Paula Layne of Syracuse; a stepsister, Barbara Lilly of Syracuse; a brother, Tony Mawhorter of Albion; and a stepbrother, Raymond Kehr Jr., address unknown.

Preceding her in death were her mother and stepfather, Dixie (Savoie) and Raymond Kehr Sr.

Services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Calling is Wednesday from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 at the funeral home.

Cremation will follow the service.

Cecil Barnes

SARASOTA, Fla. — Cecil B. Barnes, 84, of Sarasota, Fla., died Jan. 15, 2001.

He was born May 10, 1916, in Bloomington, Ill., and moved to Sarasota from Garrett in 1960, after retiring as owner/operator of Culligan Water Softener Service.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of the American Legion.

Surviving are his wife, Leora; two daughters, Grace E. of Sarasota and Jinx A. Kaminski of Orlando; a stepdaughter, Diane S. Ellerbusch of Bryan, Ohio; a son, John B. of New York City; a stepson, Edward L. Aldrich of Albion; a sister, Laura M. Hart of Florida; and two grandchildren.

Burial was in Palms Memorial Park.

Memorials are to Rip Van Winkle Scholarship, in care of Beverly Murphy, 2551 Apache St., Sarasota, Fla. 34231.

Palms Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy Slusher

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Dorothy Slusher, 63, died Thursday, Feb. 15, 2001, at home. She had been in failing health for seven months.

Mrs. Slusher was born Feb. 13, 1938, in Bluffton to Ernest and Alice (Fey) Thomas. She moved from Rome City to Florida in 1979.

Surviving are her husband of 32 years, Danny K. Slusher of St. Petersburg, Fla.; one daughter, Anita Noland of Churubusco; one son, Rodney R. Slusher of Brooksville, Fla.; two grandsons; one great-granddaughter; two sisters, Myrtle Wells of Wolcottville and Emma Hicks of Kendallville; and three brothers, James Thomas of Tyrone, Ga., Ralph Thomas of Kendallville, and Harley Thomas of Middlebury.

She was preceded in death by a brother and sister.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday in St. Petersburg.

E. James Reese Funeral Home, Seminole, Fla., is in charge of arrangements.

Larry Ousley
Michael Ousley

CLAYPOOL — Larry Scot Ousley and Michael Scot Ousley were stillborn on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2001, at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Surviving are their parents, Henry and Rebekah (Harris) Ousley of Claypool; maternal grandparents, Allan and Marie Harris of Ligonier, paternal grandparents, Larry and Vickie Ousley of Pierceton and Glinda and John Myers of Ashley; great-grandparents, Eva Snyder of North Manchester, Waneta Wertenberger of Warsaw, and Roger and Joan Myers of Auburn.

They were preceded in death by great-grandparents, Henry and Goldia Johnson, Zeb and Eula Mae Ousley, and Ben Snyder.

Services are at 2 p.m. Wednesday at South Whitley United Methodist Church with the Rev. Connie Payne officiating. Burial is in South Whitley Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to services at the church.

McHatton Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, is in charge of arrangements.

Feb. 20, 2001

James Grim Sr.

LIGONIER — James E. Grim Sr., 65, of Ligonier died at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 19, 2001, in Kingston Health Care of Ligonier.

He was born July 15, 1935, in Allen County to William C. and Mildred C. (McClure) Grim.

Mr. Grim was a retired farmer and truck driver for Mercer Transport Co. He was a member of the Ligonier Eagles Lodge and American Legion Post, the Goshen Moose Lodge and the National Rifle Association.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Jeanna and Michael John of Miamisburg, Ohio, Rebecca Childress of Ligonier, and Lisa and Jerry Lothamer of Fort Wayne; a son, James E. Grim Jr. of Indianapolis; two brothers, Lloyd Grim of Columbia City and Joseph Grim of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death was a brother, Carl.

Services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Revs. John Lutton and Randy Miller officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Services Held

AVILLA — Services for **Alyce M. Rhodes** were held Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2001, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla, with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial was in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Avilla.

Pallbearers were Herbert Huffman, Jerry Myers, Ron Eddy, Steve Hissong and Maynard Householder.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, was in charge of arrangements.

ALBION — Services were held Saturday, Feb. 17, 2001, for **F. Lee Owen** at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Albion, with Pastor Ann Marshall officiating. Burial was at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam, with military graveside services by American Legion Post No. 246.

Pallbearers were Mike Mallott, Ryan Egolf, Joe Harper, Max Strater, Kenny Koenig and Doug Hile. Honorary pallbearers were Radean Hile, Roger Stoneburner, Ken Smolek and Junior Page.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, was in charge of arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA February 21, 2001

Lois Blanchard

WARSAW -- Lois May Blanchard, 82, of Warsaw, a homemaker and native of Columbia City, died Tuesday, February 13, 2001, at Kosciusko Community Hospital.

She was formerly of Sarasota, Fla. Surviving are daughters Angela Gross of Warsaw and Judy Stone of Indianapolis; a son, Ron of Augusta, Ga.; sisters Eloise Juillerat of Churubusco and Mrs. John Parkinson of Wolf Lake; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Her husband, Jack, preceded her in death in 1994. Services were Thursday at McHatton Sadler Funeral Chapel. Burial was at Oakwood Cemetery.

Fred B. Lemmon, 81

MARION - Fred B. Lemmon, 81, of Marion passed away at 10:10 AM, Tuesday, February 13, 2001 at Herrin Hospital.

Mr. Lemmon was born June 29, 1919 in Albion, Indiana to Frank S. and Ethel Helen (Belt) Lemmon. He married Estelle Zajicek on August 26, 1943 in Ripley, Tennessee and she survives.

Other survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Jennifer Lemmon of League City, Texas; a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Russell Chiaventone of Herrin; four grandchildren, Leila Garcia and Kaitlin, Leah and Kyle Chiaventone; and a sister, Mary Fisher of Syracuse, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, John and Tony Lemmon; and two sisters, Emagene Bowen-James and Edith Walters-Miller.

Mr. Lemmon was an active member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Marion.

He served in the Army Aircorp during World War II, with the 8th Air Force, where he flew 25 missions as a bombardier in the European Theater.

He was also an active member of the Gideons International, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Senior Citizens Council, Prisoner Family Support Cooperative Extension Service Council, and a lifetime member of Hamilton, Indiana Masonic Lodge # 33 AF & AM and Marion Masonic Lodge # 89 AF & AM.

He worked as an Area Adviser for the University of Illinois as a Farm Management Fieldman. He also had managed dairy cattle and beef cattle cross-breeding experiments at Conner Prairie Farms near Noblesville, Indiana.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 AM, Friday, February 16, 2001 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Marion with Reverend James Slone officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Aldersgate United Methodist Church or to the Gideons.

Lee Owen

ALBION -- F. Lee Owen, 67, of Albion, an avid golfer and fisherman, died Wednesday, February 14, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

The Noble County native retired in 1995 from Dana Corp. in Syracuse after 42 years of service. He was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church, American Legion Post 246 and 40&8, and he was a U.S. Army veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Nelda; daughters Jeannie Jordon of Albion and Brenda Harper of Cromwell; a son, Monte Egolf of Albion; a sister, Eva B. Malott of LaGrange; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister.

Services were Saturday at St. Mark Lutheran Church, Albion. Burial with military graveside services was at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. Memorials are to the Cancer Fund or American Legion Post 246.

Martha J. Ruhl

FLORIDA – Martha J. Ruhl, 84, Sarasota, Florida, formerly of Huntertown, died Thursday, February 8, 2001, in Sarasota.

She was born on April 8, 1916, at Pleasant Lake. She was retired from L.S. Ayres and was a member of the Eastern Star.

Her husband, Warren A. Ruhl, preceded her in death on May 8, 1989.

Surviving are one daughter, Barb Dearduff of Wichita, Kansas; one son, Steve Ruhl, of Sarasota, Florida; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday, February 24, 2001, at 10 a.m. in Huntertown United Methodist Church, Huntertown.

New Era Feb 21, 2001

Laura L. King

ALBION - Laura L. King died on Saturday, February 17, 2001 at 2:30 p.m. at Mercy Hospital in Grayling Michigan.

She was born on October 5, 1960 in Kendallville to William and Dixie (Savoie) Mawhorter.

On July 28, 1984 she married Randy King. He survives in Grayling Michigan.

She had lived in Grayling Michigan for three years coming from Upper Long Lake in Noble County.

Laura was self employed as a carpet installer. She was a member of the Bowling League at Hougton Lake, Michigan

She was preceded in death by her mother, Dixie (Savoie) Kehr and a stepfather Raymond E. Kehr.

The survivors include her husband Randy King of Grayling, Michigan; a daughter April King also of Grayling; her father and step-mother William and Rosemary (Beckner) Mawhorter of Albion; her grandmother Ina Mawhorter of Albion; a step-grandmother Gloria Beckner of Wawaka; two sisters, Sandy Ellet of Wolf Lake and Penny Turner of Syracuse; a brother Tony Mawhorter of Albion; a half-sister Paula Layne of Syracuse ; a step sister Barbara Lilly of Syracuse and a step brother Raymond Kehr, Jr.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2001 from 3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home Albion.

The Funeral Services will be Thursday, February 22, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

Cremation following service.

Cecil Barnes

SARASOTA, Fla. - Cecil B. Barnes, 84, of Sarasota, Fla., died Jan. 15, 2001.

He was born May 10, 1916, in Bloomington, Ill., and moved to Sarasota from Garrett in 1960, after retiring as owner/operator of Culligan Water Softener Service.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of the American Legion.

Surviving are his wife, Leora; two daughters, Grace E. of Sarasota and Jinx A. Kaminski of Orlando; a stepdaughter, Diane S. Ellerbusch of Bryan, Ohio; a son, John B. of New York City; a stepson, Edward L. Aldrich of Albion; a sister, Laura M. Hart of Florida; and two grandchildren.

Burial was in Palms Memorial Park.

Memorials are to Rip Van Winkle Scholarship, in care of Beverly Murphy, 2551 Apache St., Sarasota, Fla. 34231.

Palms Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Phema Fulk

KENDALLVILLE — Phema L. Fulk, 92, of Kendallville died at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2001, at Parkview Hospital.

Arrangements are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Tamara Hook

BUTLER — Tamara J. "Tammy" Hook, 38, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2001, at 7 a.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hook was a preschool teacher at Creative Play School in Auburn. She lived in Butler.

She was born Nov. 20, 1962, in Columbus, Ind., to Gerald and Marilyn (Hoelkte) Launer. Her mother survives in Auburn and her father preceded her in death.

She married Alvin Hook on July 1, 1989, in Fort Wayne, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Matthew R. Hook, at home; one daughter, Rachel R. Hook, at home; one brother, Tracy Launer of Fort Wayne; and one sister, Beth Zinnel of Kendallville.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Zion Lutheran Church at Edgerton, Ohio, with Michael Salemink officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Calling is Thursday from 2-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church of Edgerton, Ohi

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Ralph Flowers

STURGIS, Mich. — Ralph C. "RC" Flowers, 64, of Sturgis, Mich., died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2001, at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo, Mich. He was a lifelong Sturgis resident.

Mr. Flowers was born Aug. 4, 1936, to Arnold and Helen (Kanouse) Flowers.

On May 1, 1992, he married Judy Carmicheal in Centreville, Mich. She survives.

Mr. Flowers was a truck driver for more than 40 years, retiring from Sturgis Iron & Metal. He was an active member of Captain John J. Kelley Post No. 1355 VFW and was serving the post as its commander and a member of the honor guard at the time of his death. He was also a member of the Neuman-Wenzel Post No. 73 of the American Legion, Eagles Lodge No. 1314, Wolf Pack C.B. Club and the Skip Talker Club.

He enjoyed watching boxing and NASCAR, and outdoor barbecuing for friends and family.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Terrie and Ron Bauman of Constantine, Mich., Paula Mast of Butler and Karen and Michael Falkenstein of Sturgis; four sons and daughters-in-law, Wesman and Kathy Pierson of Sturgis, Bryan and Linda Pierson of LaGrange, Peter and Linda Pierson of Bronson, Mich., and Steven Flowers of Grand Rapids, Mich.; 17 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; Helen Flowers of Sturgis who raised him as a son; a sister and brother-in-law, Nona and Jim Allen of Sturgis; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his father, Arnold Flowers; his mother, Dora Cuyler; a son, Ralph C. Flowers II; and a brother, Cletus Flowers.

Services are at 2 p.m. Sunday at Hackman-Fogleson Funeral Home, Sturgis, with the Rev. Brad Ulick, LaGrange Missionary Church, officiating. A graveside committal will follow at Nottawa Township Cemetery, Nottawa, Mich. Full military rites will by conferred by Captain John J. Kelley Post No. 1355 VFW.

Calling is Saturday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Thelma Kline

KENDALLVILLE — Thelma Marie Kline, 86, formerly of Kendallville, died today, Feb. 22, 2001, at 6 a.m. at her son's home in rural LaGrange.

Services are Saturday at 10 a.m. at Bethel Christian Baptist Church, U.S. 6 West at Ind. 9 North, rural Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be at the church Friday starting at 6 p.m. until a church service which starts at 7 p.m.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

(A full obituary will appear in Friday's News-Sun.)

Phema Fulk

KENDALLVILLE — Phema L. Fulk, 92, of Kendallville, died at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2001, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. She had been in failing health for several years.

Ms. Fulk was born July 29, 1908, in Noble County's Orange Township to William H. and Nora L. (Richards) Fulk. She had lived in Kendallville since 1973. Prior to that she had spent 13 years in Florida, moving there from Brimfield.

She did baby sitting and domestic work.

Ms. Fulk was a member of the Church of Christ in Kendallville, the Bible of the Month Club since 1975 and the Senior Citizens Club. She did missionary work for World Bible School as a teacher since 1973.

Surviving is one brother, Earl Funk of Wolcottville; and friends, Ellis and Norma Crum of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Otis, Frank and George Fulk.

Services are at 1 p.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Ellis Crum officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Albion.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Church of Christ, Kendallville.

Agnes Hickman

FORT WAYNE — Agnes Adell Hickman, 76, died at 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2001, at home.

She was born April 23, 1924, to Thomas and Ila (Phillips) Williamson in Garland City, Ark., where she grew up and attended school.

She married Robert Harold Hickman on March 2, 1946, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on July 16, 1968.

A housewife and mother, Mrs. Hickman has live in Fort Wayne and the Oliver Lake area. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Albion.

She enjoyed fishing, storytelling and being a grandmother.

Surviving are three sons, Robert Allen Hickman of Peoria, Ariz., David Hickman of Chicago and Minneapolis, Anthony Hickman of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Murial Foster of Fort Wayne, Charlotte Hickman of Fort Wayne, and Deborah Fisher of Albion; a brother, Henry H. Williamson of Spencerville; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, James and John Williamson.

Services are at 3 p.m. Friday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Albion, with the Rev. Ann Marshall officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne. There will be no calling.

McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, is in charge of arrangements.

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Jerry Robbins

LAGRANGE — Jerry E. Robbins, 58, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2001, at 6:25 p.m. in Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Robbins retired from International Harvester Co. in Springfield, Ohio. He moved from Springfield to LaGrange in 1997. He was a member of the Stroh Church of Christ and was an avid dancer.

He was born Feb. 9, 1943, in Allen County to Ralph J. and Virginia R. (Leslie) Robbins. His father survives in LaGrange and his mother preceded him in death Sept. 5, 1996.

Surviving him are one daughter, Carmen Snyder of Waterloo; six sons, Rex of Pleasant Lake, Ryan of Garrett, Rodney of Ashley, and Rustin, Tony and Trenton, all of LaGrange; two sisters, Shirley A. Hose of Stroh and Barbara E. Yoder of Wolcottville; two brothers, the Rev. Jimmy L. Robbins of Wawaka and Dale W. Robbins of LaGrange; six grandchildren; and his fiancee, Jerry Kenney.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in the Stroh Church of Christ, with the Rev. Michael Hamm and the Rev. Jimmy L. Robbins officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Memorials are to the Robbins family.

Anthony Snell

FORT WAYNE — Anthony "Tony" G. Snell, 23, died Tuesday.

He was born in Muskegon, Mich., and was a graduate of Howe Military School.

Mr. Snell was a sales representative with Empire Refractory Sales Inc. and was attending Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his mother, Mary Ann Green of Fort Wayne; his father and stepmother, Larry E. and Karren L. Snell, both of Fort Wayne; a sister, Jennifer M. Neeley of Grinnel, Iowa; a stepsister, Jennifer L. Yuska of Fort Wayne; and his grandmothers, Mary M. Tack of Tampa, Fla., and Anna M. Byrd of Mexico, Mo.

Services are at noon Friday at D.O. McComb and Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, with burial in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association or Riley Children's Hospital.

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Thelma Kline

KENDALLVILLE — Thelma Marie Kline, 86, formerly of Kendallville, died at 6 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, 2001, at the home of her son in LaGrange County. She had suffered from Alzheimer's disease for more than nine years.

Mrs. Kline was born Jan. 15, 1915, to Charles and Vesta (Witt) Whitney in Kendallville.

She married Everett B. Kline in 1935, and together they owned and operated Clover Leaf Egg and Cream Co. on Main Street in Kendallville for more than 30 years. After her husband's death in 1972, she went to work at McCray Hospital in Kendallville as a dietitian until her retirement.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Chuck and Linda Kline of rural LaGrange; three grandchildren, Steve Murphy of Avilla, Eric Murphy of Blackmon Lake, and Michel Paris of Goshen; and four great-grandchildren, Tanner and Taylor Murphy and Logan and Mariah Paris.

A sister, Leona Nelson, died in 1971.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Bethel Christian Baptist Church, Kendallville, with the Revs. Charlie Mosley and Doug Ritchie officiating. Burial is in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is after 6 p.m. at the church today, with church services starting at 7 p.m.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

(The following obituary is being reprinted to correct a misspelling.)

Phema Fulk

KENDALLVILLE — Phema L. Fulk, 92, of Kendallville, died at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2001, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. She had been in failing health for several years.

Ms. Fulk was born July 29, 1908, in Noble County's Orange Township to William H. and Nora L. (Richards) Fulk. She had lived in Kendallville since 1973. Prior to that she had spent 13 years in Florida, moving there from Brimfield.

She did baby sitting and domestic work.

Ms. Fulk was a member of the Church of Christ in Kendallville, the Bible of the Month Club since 1975 and the Senior Citizens Club. She did missionary work for World Bible School as a teacher since 1973.

Surviving is one brother, Earl Fulk of Wolcottville; and friends, Ellis and Norma Crum of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Otis, Frank and George Fulk.

Services are at 1 p.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Ellis Crum officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Albion.

Calling is today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Church of Christ, Kendallville.

Norman Fisher

RENSSELAER — Norman Coleman Fisher, 77, died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2001, at Rensselaer Care Center.

The Sheridan native was a former resident of Fort Wayne. He owned and operated the Family Shoe Store in Waynedale and retired in 1992 as the owner-operator of Joyce Shelby Shoes in Glenbrook Square. He was a past president of the Waynedale Lions Club and a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps in World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Ann; three daughters, Donita Fisher of Kendallville, Karen Ulosovich-Cherim of Elgin, Ill., and Katrina A. Newcomb of West Chester, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Graveside services are Monday at Crown View Cemetery, Sheridan, with military graveside rites.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. Sunday at Jackson Funeral Chapel, Rensselaer.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or Hope United Methodist Church, Hoagland.

Services Held

LIGONIER — Services for **Maxwell Neuhouser,** 73, of Ligonier were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2001, Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, with the Rev. Harlan Steffen officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Pallbearers were John Moran, Kenny Miller, Rich Neuhouser, Allen Atteberry, Rick Atteberry and Dennis Domayer.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Services for **John L. Back** were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2001, in Little Flossie Old Baptist Church, Lisbon. The Revs. Russell Hicks and Morris Wicker officiated. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Pallbearers were Gene Belchner, Bob Belchner, Steve Tritch, Dave Kilgore, Michael Patrick and Jerry McCoy.

Arrangements were by Hutchins Funeral Home, Wol-

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Robert Blech Sr.

WATERLOO — Robert W. Blech Sr., 75, died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2001, at 2:45 p.m. in a traffic accident on Interstate 69 in Steuben County.

Mr. Blech was a lifetime DeKalb County farmer and lived on County Road 27, Waterloo. He retired in 1990 from Cooper Industries in Auburn with 22 years of service.

Mr. Blech

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn, where he served as an elder. He was a Smithfield Township trustee for 25 years, a member and president of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau, and president of the men's bowling league in Garrett.

He was president of CPS Supply Co. Inc. in Coldwater, Mich.

He was born June 16, 1925, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, to Frank B. and Alma (Parr) Blech.

He married Beverly Sherwood on June 16, 1946, in the Auburn Church of Christ, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Robert W. Blech Jr. of Coldwater, Mich.; one daughter, Marie Smith of Topeka; three brothers, Harold Blech and Paul Blech, both of Kendallville, and Edwin Blech of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Toby Blech, Dawn Smith and Marcene Heckman; and two great-granddaughters, Neely and Rochelle Heckman.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Lloyd Bickel will officiate. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the church.

Esther Ivins

BRISTOL — Esther L. Ivins, 85, died at 4:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 23, 2001, at the East Lake Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Elkhart following an extended illness.

She was born Jan. 1, 1916, in North Webster, to LeRoy and Jennie (Thwaits) Silveus.

She was a resident of White Pigeon, Mich., most of her life and had spent the past few years in Elkhart.

She married Shanley Gouker, John Summerlott and Jay Ivins, who all preceded her in death.

She was a homemaker most of her life.

Surviving are two daughters and two sons-in-law, Gloria and Richard Niece of Elkhart and Mary Jane and Leslie Snyder of White Pigeon, Mich.; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Ronald and Karen Gouker of Elkhart and Melvin Gouker of Shipshewana; two stepdaughters, Peggy McLain of Elkhart and Debi Copeland of Bristol; one stepson, Roger Summerlott of White Pigeon, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Beside her husbands and her parents, she was preceded in death by five sisters, Agnes Lazarus, Leona Gouker, Francis Waid, Trudy Brandt and Pauline Silveus; and three brothers, Millard Silveus, Everet Silveus and Garold Silveus.

Services Monday at 11 a.m. at Farrand Funeral Home, White Pigeon, Mich., with the Rev. William Horton officiating. Burial will be in White Pigeon Township Cemetery.

Calling today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the White Pigeon Church of Christ.

Theda Vosberg

KENDALLVILLE — Theda Florence Vosberg, 87, of Kendallville, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2001, at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne.

She was born May 23, 1913, in Polo, Ill., to Charles Coffman and Bessie (Gilbert) Coffman-Dusing. On April 15, 1935 in Wheaton, Ill., she married Russell Frederick Vosberg, and he died May 4, 1994.

Mrs. Vosberg graduated from Polo High School in 1931 and earned a nursing degree in 1934 at Deconese School of Nursing in Freeport, Ill. She worked as a registered nurse at McCray Hospital in Kendallville from 1957-1985, and was a member of the Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church near Avilla. She was a member of the Freeport School of Nursing Alumni and a 4-H leader for the Wayne Center Buds of Wayne 4-H Club for 10 years.

She was a member and Past Worthy Matron of the Freeport Order of the Eastern Star, and also belonged to the Mount Pleasant Church Lydia Circle and the Home Extension Club.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Carol Vosberg of Warsaw; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Jimmy Bauer of Leaf River, Ill., and Pam and Terry Spohr of Avilla; a brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Dorothy Coffman of Polo, Ill.; a sister and brother-in-law, Wilma and Roger Bingner of Freeport, Ill.; an aunt, Letilia Wisner of Polo; and 10 grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by an infant son, a stepfather, Ed Dusing, a brother, Robert Coffman, and a sister, Lula Johnson. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church in rural Avilla, with the Rev. Ann Marshall officiating.

Calling will be at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville on Monday from 5-8 p.m.

Memorials are to the church.

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Leila Conner

COLUMBIA CITY — Leila M. Conner, 81, of Churubusco, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

Mrs. Conner was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church, the Churubusco American Legion Auxiliary and the Churubusco VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

She was born near Albion on June 19, 1919, to Cloyd "Pete" and Hazel H. (Hollenbeck) Krieger. On July 25, 1936, in Churubusco, she married Howard R. Conner, and the couple resided in Churubusco their entire lives. Her husband preceded her in death May 19, 1977.

Surviving are a daughter, Ruth Ann Morgan of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard L. and Dorothy Conner of Albion; a brother, John A. Krieger of Churubusco; a sister, Beverly Davis of Churubusco; nine grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Margaret Conner, in 1943; a son, Robert E. Conner, in 1988; a brother, Calvin E. Krieger, in 1976; and a sister, Phyllis L. Ferguson, in 1997.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs of Churubusco United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Rhonda Blosser

GOSHEN — Rhonda R. Blosser, 44, of Goshen, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2001, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Blosser was president of the board of directors for Middlebury Day Care and worked as a realt estate agent for over 18 years in Elkhart and LaGrange counties.

Mrs. Blosser

She was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School, Lansing Community College and Northwood Institute College, and belonged to the Maple City Trotting Breed Association and the Standard Breed Horsemans Association.

She was born Oct. 12, 1956, in West Lafayette. On April 29, 1995, in Middlebury she married Thomas Blosser, who survives.

Also surviving are her stepfather, David L. Weaver of Middlebury, and her mother and step-father, Rae Ann and Jim Markley of Middlebury; a sister and brother-in-law, Anna Ray and Ben Yoder of Middlebury; two brothers, Kirk David and Eric David, both of Charlotte, Mich.; and six nieces and nephews.

Her father, David L. Weaver, preceded her in death Jan. 22, 2000.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Middlebury, with the Rev. James Simpson officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to the Cancer Treatment Center of America or Goshen General Hospital Home Health Care.

Russell Smith

ORLAND — Russell Smith, 68, of Orland, died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2001, in Orland.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and had retired as an electrician with Grumman Olson Manufacturing in Sturgis, Mich.

He was born Oct. 22, 1932, in Orland, to Ned A. and Ruth Myrtle (McMullin) Smith.

He is survived by four sons, Donald Ray Smith and Ronald Kay Smith, both of Los Lunas, N.M., Timothy Doyle Smioth of Yuma, Ariz., and Thomas Darryl Smith of Amarillo, Texas; two sisters, Erma Tubbs of Coldwater, Mich., and Mamie Mortimer of Des Moines, Iowa; two brothers, Ned Smith of Joppa, Md., and Robert Lee Smith of Mesa, Ariz.; two half-sisters, Rosemary Brewer of Bronson, Mich., and Evelyn Hampton of Kewanna, Ill.; and three grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling is from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Boys Club of America.

Lynn Anweiler

FORT WAYNE— Lynn E. Anweiler, 52, died Friday, Feb. 23, 2001, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

The Fort Wayne native had been a greeter at Sam's Club for 10 years.

Surviving are three daughters, Tammy Moehle and Dawn Vargas, both of Fort Wayne, and Julie Lowen of Ohio; one son, Brian Anweiler of Fort Wayne; three brothers, David James, Mike James and Chuck James, all of Fort Wayne; one sister, Sally Kline of Wolcottville; and eight grandchildren.

Her husband, Larry H. died in 1989.

Services Monday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials to the American Cancer Society or Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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Virginia Embree

LIGONIER — Virginia F. Embree, 83, died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2001, at Goshen General Hospital, Ligonier.

She was born Feb. 12, 1918, in Kokomo. She was married there on Sept. 10, 1937.

In 1981 she retired from Seals in Kokomo after 15 years. She lived in Fort Wayne for 16 years before moving to Ligonier three years ago.

She was a member of the Eastern Star in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her daughter, Vicki Taylor of Ligonier; two grandsons, Michael Crossley of Ligonier and Shane Marker of Phoenix, Ariz.; five granddaughters, Rachel Slone of Kendallville, Sheryl Trowbridge of Kendallville, Julie Crossley of Ligonier, Robyn Funk of Kendallville and Rhonda Slone of Avilla; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Charles Embree, who died in 1997; a grandson, Steven Crossley, who died in 1990; a great-grandson, Anthony Slone, who died in 1990; and two daughters, Judith Kay Marker, who died in the 1970s, and Rebecca Marker, who died in 1972.

Services are at 11 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with burial at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Eastern Star Services will be Tuesday, but the time has not been announced.

Memorials are to Care House — Goshen Hospital, or Cancer Treatment Center of America — Goshen Hospital.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **Phema L. Fulk** were held Saturday, Feb. 24, 2001, at 1 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Ellis Crum officiated. Burial was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Walt Hamlin, Phil Weimer, Gabe Norris, Lloyd Feltner, Ross Handshoe and Steve Altman.

Thelma Peters

LAGRANGE — Thelma Peters, 91, died at 2:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, 2001, at Lifecare Center of LaGrange.

She was born Nov. 22, 1909, in Etwah County, Ala., to Floyd and Lavada (Nunnely) Poss.

She married Otto Rosendaul, who died in 1961. On Aug. 27, 1962, she married Joseph Peters in LaGrange. He died in 1989.

Mrs. Peters owned and operated Rosendaul Grocery and worked at LaGrange Hospital for many years.

Surviving are a daughter, Margaret Maples of LaGrange; five stepchildren, Eileen Nuhouser of Fort Wayne, June Hughes of Fort Wayne, Eugene Peters of Sturgis, Mich., Lester Peters of Howe, and Joseph C. Peters Jr. of LaGrange; 32 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Richard C. Rosendaul, and a stepson, Raymond Peters.

Services are at 1 p.m. Wednesday at at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Titus Speicher Jr. officiating. Burial will be in East Springfield Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Heart Association or the charity of the donor's choice.

Kenneth Nichter

SEBRING, Fla. — Kenneth Walter "Kenny" Nichter, 73, died at 7:20 a.m. today, Feb. 26, 2001, at his Sebring, Fla., home after an illness of about six months.

He was born Nov. 7, 1927, in Fort Wayne to Clarence and Mary (Baker) Nichter.

Survivors include his wife, Diane Sue (Rastetter) Nichter, in Sebring.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Kirk Serena

Mr. Serena

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Kirk Patrick Serena, 36, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2001, as a result of injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident on Oct. 11, 2000.

After graduating from Peters Township High School in 1982, he spent four years in the U.S. Navy before attending the Pittsburgh Art Institute, where he majored in photography. He was a photojournalist for nine years for The Evening Star in Auburn, the Courier Express in Dubois, Pa., and the Meadville Tribune in Meadville, Pa. He then returned to Pittsburgh to form his own company, Look Photography, on the north side.

His photography awards included first place in the 1992 Kodak Champions Photography Contest, for a photo of an East Noble High School gymnast leaping from a balance beam. It appeared on the cover of Parade Magazine on Dec. 13, 1992.

Mr. Serena was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers and Pittsburgh Pirates fan, and covered many games in a professional capacity. He also enjoyed hunting deer and small game.

He was born July 13, 1964, in Pittsburgh to Andrew and Patricia (Casey) Serena. They survive.

Also surviving are five brothers, Drew, Douglas, Scott, Jeffrey and Chad Serena; three sisters-in-law, Terry, Natalie and Mia; and two nephews, Dylan and Greg.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Beinhauer Funeral Home, 2828 Washington Road, McMurray, Pa., with the Rev. Joel Garrett officiating. Burial will be in Ligonier Valley Cemetery in Ligonier, Pa.

Calling will be Tuesday and Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

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John Truemper

WOLCOTTVILLE — John W. Truemper, 77, of Adams Lake, Wolcottville died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2001, at home.

The Fort Wayne native was an architecture graduate of the University of Notre Dame. He was president of Schinnerer and Truemper Inc., chief executive officer of Construction Management Engineering and the designer, builder and owner of Riverview Care Center. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He founded the Kekionga Golden K. Club and was founder and first president of the Fort Wayne Figure Skating Club. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, and a fourth degree Knight of Columbus. He served on the boards of Saint Francis University, Ivy Tech State College, Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, the Adams Lake Conservation Club, St. John the Baptist Church, and the Father Gibault Home for Boys, Terre Haute. He was a charter member of the Summit Club. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Fort Wayne, a Scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts of America, and a member of the Fort Wayne Artists Guild, the Builders and Contractors Association and the Notre Dame Alumni Association. He was one of the R.O.M.E.O.s.

Surviving are his wife, Constance D.; a daughter and son-in-law, Dr. Marceil M. and John Morgan of Silver Lake, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas J. and Machelle of Fort Wayne.; three grandchildren; a stepgrandchild; two stepgreat-grandchildren; many sisters and brothers-in-law; and many nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial is 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 4500 Fairfield Ave. Entombment will be at Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., and an hour before services Thursday at the church. A rosary will be said at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Turnstone Center, 3320 N. Clinton, Fort Wayne, IN 46805, or the Leukemia Society of America c/o Katy Gallagher, 1123 Hedgewood Drive, Lafayette, IN 47904.

Robert Temple

BEND, Ore. — Robert Benton Temple, 58, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2001, of lymphoma in Bend, Ore.

He grew up in Kendallville, graduating from Kendallville High School in 1961. He served in the U.S. Army, went to officer candidate school, and fought in the Vietnam War with the 173rd airborne. He studied business at Manchester College, the University of Hawaii and Seattle University. He worked in the freight forwarding and warehousing industry for over 30 years and was part owner and president of his own transportation company in the state of Washington, Temple International, for 15 years. He retired from the U.S. Army Reserves at Fort Lawton, Wash., in 1988 with the rank of major. He moved to Bend in July 1999. He attended Sisters Christian Church. He loved the outdoors, golfing, fishing and gardening.

He was born Oct. 18, 1942, in Port Arthur, Texas. On April 8, 2000, he married Tamara Kiecker, who survives in Bend.

Also surviving are a daughter, Marci Ludwig; two sons, Mark Temple and Chris Kooch; a granddaughter, Kathryn Temple, two brothers, Russel Jr. and Phillip; a nephew, Sharon; a niece, Karen; and several aunts.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Deschutes Memorial Gardens, Bend. Burial will be March 1 at Eagle Point National Cemetery, Eagle Point, Ore.

Memorials are to Helping Hands of Seattle or the American Cancer Society.

Hester West

ORLAND — Hester A. West, 55, died Sunday, Feb. 25, 2001, at Cameron Hospital, Angola.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Fremont congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

She was born July 20, 1945, in Estill, Ky., to Ellis and Anna (Short) Owens. Her mother survives in Ligonier. Her father survives in Baltimore, Md. On Aug. 4, 1973, in Angola, she married George R. West. He survives in Orland.

Also surviving are two daughters, Teresa Sawyer of Angola and Tonyia Sawyer of Pleasant Lake; a son, Lloyd Sawyer of Topeka; two stepsons, Randy West of Angola and Scott West of Stroh; a brother, Ken Slone of Ligonier; and 19 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Tammy Sawyer; a son, Tommy Sawyer; a sister; and four brothers.

Services are 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Ind. 827 South, Fremont, with Richard Sturtz officiating.

There will be no visitation.

Memorials are to the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

ALBION NEW ERA February 28, 2001

Leila Conner

CHURUBUSCO -- Leila M. Conner, 81, a resident of Churubusco, died at 1:20 p.m. Saturday, February 24, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City, following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Conner was born near Albion on June 19, 1919, a daughter of Cloyd "Pete" and Hazel H. Hollenbeck Krieger.

On July 25, 1936 she was united in marriage in Churubusco to Howard R. Conner, and lived all of her married life in Churubusco. Mr. Conner died on May 19, 1977.

She was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church, Churubusco American Legion Auxiliary, and the Churubusco Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies' Auxiliary.

The surviving relatives include her daughter Ruth Ann Morgan of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law Richard L. and Dorothy Conner of Albion; her brother John A. Krieger of Churubusco; and her sister Beverly Davis of Churubusco. There are nine grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter Margaret Conner in 1943; a son Robert E. Conner in 1988; a brother Calvin E. Krieger in 1976; and a sister Phyllis L. Ferguson in 1997.

Funeral services were Tuesday at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating.

Burial was at the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Agnes Hickman

FORT WAYNE - Agnes Adell Hickman, 76, died at 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2001, at home.

She was born April 23, 1924, to Thomas and Ila (Phillips) Williamson in Garland City, Ark., where she grew up and attended school.

She married Robert Harold Hickman on March 2, 1946, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on July 16, 1968.

A housewife and mother, Mrs. Hickman has lived in Fort Wayne and the Oliver Lake area. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Albion.

She enjoyed fishing, storytelling and being a grandmother.

Surviving are three sons, Robert Allen Hickman of Peoria, Ariz., David Hickman of Chicago and Minneapolis, Anthony Hickman of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Murial Foster of Fort Wayne, Charlotte Hickman of Fort Wayne, and Deborah Fisher of Albion; a brother, Henry H. Williamson of Spencerville; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, James and John Williamson.

Services were held on Friday, February 23, 2001 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Albion with the Rev. Ann Marshall officiating. Burial was in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne. There was no calling.

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Kenneth Nichter

SEBRING, Fla. — Kenneth Walter "Kenny" Nichter, 73, died Monday, Feb. 26, 2001, at home in Sebring after a six-month illness.

Formerly of Big Long Lake, Wolcottville, he retired as a master sergeant from the U.S. Marine Corps in 1968 after 23 years of service. He fought in World War II and the Korean and Vietnam wars. He was a member of the Garrett Elks, Kendallville Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749, the Sebring Moose Lodge, the Sebring Eagles, the Sebring post of the American Legion and AmVets.

He was born Nov. 7, 1927, in Fort Wayne to Clarence and Mary (Baker) Nichter. On June 20, 1964, he married Diane Sue Rastetter, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Vicki and Rudi Semenza of Reno, Nev.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Nicholas Nichter and Mark and Vicki Nichter, all of Reno; three sisters, Janet Morganthaler of Syracuse, Alice Henderson of Utah and Rita Gomez of Caracas, Venezuela; two brothers, Richard R. "Nick" Nichter of Kendallville and Thomas Nichter of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Shane Franklin and Alison Semenza, both of Burbank, Calif.

Memorial services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling is two hours before services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to AmVets Post 21 building fund or the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Research Institute.

Michael Shaffer

LIGONIER — Michael Shaffer, 47, of Ligonier, died at 5:18 a.m. today, Feb. 28, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

He was born May 27, 1953.

Arrangements are pending at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret-Lienhart Funeral Home, Wakarusa.

Bernard Bowers

NEW HAVEN — Bernard H. "Bernie" Bowers, 89, died at home in New Haven Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001.

The Allen County native was a former Fort Wayne resident. He retired in 1976 as owner of Bowers Jewelry & Watch Repair in Fort Wayne. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Church, New Haven, the Holy Name Society and the Catholic Order of Foresters.

Surviving are five daughters, Jane Ervin of Churubusco, Marjorie Skiles of Tullahoma, Tenn., Delores Cler of Roanoke, Carole TenBarge of New Haven and Elaine Bowers of Fort Wayne; a son, Jerry L. Bowers of Parma Heights, Ohio; a brother, Frank Bowers of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Mary Trabel of Monroeville, and Hilda Schnelker and Loretta Sorg, both of New Haven; 15 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen T. Bowers, in 1992.

Prayer services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Ind. 930 East, New Haven. Mass of Christian Burial is at 11 a.m. Friday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 943 Powers St., New Haven. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home, with a rosary at 8:30 p.m.

Memorials are to St. John the Baptist Catholic School, Parkview Home Health & Hospice, Cancer Services of Allen County or Masses.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Theda F. Vosberg** were held Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001, at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church with the Rev. Ann Marshall officiating.

Burial was in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Joe Spohr, Chris, Jason, Troy and Eric Bauer and Matt and Tim Vosberg.

Arrangements were by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

R. Beatrice Schemehorn

AVILLA — R. Beatrice Schemehorn, 96, died Monday, Feb. 26, 2001, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

The Huntington native retired in 1970 from the coffee shop in the Fort Wayne Sears store.

Surviving are two sons, Richard Schemehorn of Wolcottville and Neil Schemehorn of Valparaiso; a daughter, Bonnie Disidore of Topeka, Kan.; 17 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Park F. Schemehorn, in 1962.

Services are at 11 a.m. Friday at Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling is from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to West Creighton Avenue Christian Church or Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Janie Light

LAGRANGE — Janie Lynn Light was stillborn at 1:03 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001, at Vencor Hospital — LaGrange.

Surviving are her parents, Brian L. and Rita L. (Heltzel) Light of LaGrange; a brother, Hunter D. Light, at home; grandparents Don Heltzel of Hudson, Carolyn Burlew of Tucson, Ariz., and Norman and Sally Light of LaGrange; and great-grandparents Lily Shepard of Hueysville, Ky., and Robert Dailey of Angola.

Graveside services are at 10 a.m. Friday at Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange, with the Rev. Gary Rifenburg officiating.

Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Shirley Howard

ROME CITY — Shirley M. Howard, 62, of Rome City, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Among her survivors is her husband, Billy L. Howard.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Mary Jane Sigler

STURGIS, Mich. — Mary Jane Sigler, 85, died at 7:35 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001, at Thurston Woods Nursing Home, Sturgis, Mich.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Modern Mothers Club, Sturgis, for many years, and First United Methodist Church, Sturgis.

She was born in Howe June 28, 1915, to Joseph and Dora (Ruhl) Friend. On Oct. 18, 1936, in Angola, she married Walter O. Sigler, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Harold Macey of Sturgis; a daughter-in-law, Delores Sigler of Sturgis; six grandchildren, Carla Macey, Lisa Van Dyke, Jessica Meister, and Jennifer, Amanda and Colin Sigler; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Kendall Sigler, in 1997; a grandson, William Aaron Sigler; and two sisters, Katherine Friend and Margaret Good.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe, with the Rev. Keith Treman officiating. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery, Howe.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church, Sturgis.

Michael Shaffer

LIGONIER — Michael Shaffer, 47, died at 5:18 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville, of an apparent heart attack.

He had lived in rural Ligonier for 14 years, having moved there from Nappanee. He was a truck driver working for Day Tripper, LaGrange.

He was born May 27, 1953, in Goshen to Marion Eugene Shaffer, who preceded him in death, and Suzanne Selvey, who survives in North Carolina. On May 6, 1978, in Cromwell, he married Belinda LaFrance, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Matthew and Daniel Shaffer, at home.

Calling is 10 a.m.-noon Saturday at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret-Lienhart Funeral Home, Wakarusa. No services are planned.

Shirley Howard

ROME CITY — Shirley Marie Howard, 62, died at 4:55 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, after a one-month illness.

She was a homemaker. She was born Aug. 17, 1938, in Middletown, Md., to Albert and Molly Marie (McIntyre) Castle. On Oct. 31, 1958, in Frederick, Md., she married Billy Lee Howard, who survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Billy L. Jr. and Ruth Howard of Garrett; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Katherine and Ed Silcott of Bardstown, Ky., Glenda Patrick of Kendallville and Patty and Scott Jones of Topeka; a brother and sister-in-law, John and Betty Castle of Boonesboro, Md.; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Mary Alice Eagle of Knoxville, Md., and Joyce and Vernon Burkett and Nancy and Dean Thompson, all of Fredereick, Md.; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Donald B. Thompson Funeral Home, Middletown, Md., with the Rev. Dr. George Earle of Centennial Memorial United Methodist Church, Frederick, Md., officiating. Burial will be next to her mother in St. Paul Cemetery, Jefferson, Md.

Calling will be 4-9 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and 4-9 p.m. Saturday at the Middletown funeral home.

Beulah Slabaugh

LIGONIER — Beulah Slabaugh, 88, died at 7:55 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001, at home.

She spent her early years in Ligonier, where she attended North Side Elementary School and Ligonier High School, graduating as valedictorian in 1929. She worked briefly for a Ligonier company before her marriage. The family made their home on a farm 1 1/2 miles north and west of Ligonier. She was a member of the Ligonier United Methodist Church and Good Samaritans Club, of which she served a term as president. She was involved in the Perry Township Home Economics Club for 62 years.

She was a hard worker who enjoyed gardening, raising flowers, canning fruits and vegetables, her home's rural setting and the closeness of nature, and cooking for family and friends.

She was born Sept. 15, 1912, in Ligonier to Albert and Emma (Murphy) Rice. On Aug. 30, 1936, she married Forrest W. Slabaugh, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Kenneth Slabaugh of Nevada, Willard Slabaugh of Ligonier and Michael and Jan Slabaugh of Ogden, Utah; three grandchildren and a granddaughter-in-law, Mark and Christina Slabaugh, Maren Slabaugh and Michael Slabaugh; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. James Farrer officiating. Burial will be at Salem Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

The News-Sun, Fri., March 2, 2001

Maude Byler

LAGRANGE — Maude A. Byler, 91, of Goshen, died Thursday, March 1, 2001, at Goshen General Hospital.

The former LaGrange resident was a homemaker and a member of Plato Mennonite Church.

She was born Dec. 27, 1909, in LaGrange to Samuel and Katie (Bontrager) Miller. On Sept. 16, 1931, in Clarence Center, N.Y., she married Archie W. Byler, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Louise Burkhead and Lucille and Richard Torrance, both of Goshen, and Delta and Frank Basile of Akron, Ohio; five sons, David Byler of Phoenix, Ariz., Eldon, Robert and Gaylord Byler, all of LaGrange, and Richard Byler of Logansport; 27 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Samuel Byler; two brothers, Freeman and Oscar Miller; and a sister, Mary Elizabeth Bontrager.

Services are at 2 p.m. Monday at Plato Mennonite Church with the Rev. Richard Martin officiating. Burial will be at Miller Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Memorials are to Plato Mennonite Church.

Neil Koher Sr.

ALBION — Neil R. Koher Sr., 46, of Albion, died at 5:36 a.m. Thursday, March 1, 2001, in the emergency room of Whitley County Hospital, Columbia City.

He was reared in Fort Wayne, residing there until moving to Wolf Lake in December 1972. He attended both Elmhurst and Central high schools in Fort Wayne. He was first employed by Royal Lathe, Fort Wayne, and most recently at Boyd's Machinery and Repair, Kimmell. He was an avid gardener and woodworker.

He was born July 13, 1954, to Adrian D. and Alice L. (Gaunt) Koher. On July 31, 1972, in Fort Wayne he married Sandra A. Barclay, who survives in Albion.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Rob and Cheryl Koher of Wolf Lake, and Jeff and Dawn Koher and Steven Koher, all of Albion; four brothers and a sister-in-law, Phillip A. and Mary Koher of Fort Wayne, Gene Koher of San Diego, Calif., David Koher of Florida, and Steve Koher of Angola; a sister, Colleen Miller of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren.

Services are at 11 a.m. Monday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Martha Garman

CROMWELL — Martha Mayetta "Mae" Garman, 84, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001, at Oakleaf Village Nursing Home, Ligonier.

The Whitley County native was retired from the Moody Bible Institute.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services are at 9 a.m. March 10 at Cromwell United Methodist Church.

There is no calling.

Arrangements are by Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier.

The News-Sun, Sat., March 3, 2001,

Dale Stewart

LAGRANGE — Dale H. Stewart, 86, died Friday, March 2, 2001, in Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

He was born June 6, 1914, to Michael and Bertha (Rhodenbaugh) Stewart. He married Mary Francis Holsinger on June 27, 1937, in Rome City, and she died June 1, 1996.

Mr. Stewart lived most of his life in Rome City and drove a bread route for Silvercup Bread in LaGrange for more than 30 years. He later worked in public relations for Kendallville Distributing.

He was a retired member of the Rome City Volunteer Fire Department and a long-time Mason.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Arlene Stewart of LaGrange, and James D. and Sandy Stewart of Vincennes; four grandchildren, Scott Stewart of Howe, Renae Willey of LaGrange, Neil Stewart of Middlebury, and Kim Christiansen of Thornton, Colo.; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a half-brother, Jerry P. Matthews, in 1995.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Rome City United Methodist Church with the Rev. Harold North, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Orange Township Cemetery in Rome City.

There will be no visitation.

Memorials are to the Rome City United Methodist Church.

Martha 'Mae' Garman

CROMWELL — Martha Mayetta "Mae" Garman, 84, of Cromwell, died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2001, in Oakleaf Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

She had retired from Moody Bible Institute and was a member of the Cromwell United Methodist Church and the Salvation Army.

She was born April 28, 1916, in Jefferson Township in Whitley County, to Charles and Naomi (Shumaker) Garman.

Surviving are a niece, Sandra Scheidt of Van Wert, Ohio, and several friends.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Zelma Pequignot, and two brothers, Herbert and Ed Garman.

A memorial service will be held at the Cromwell United Methodist Church Sunday, March 11, at 9 a.m., with the Rev. Chris Dare officiating. There will be no visitation.

Memorials are to the Cromwell United Methodist Church.

Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier assisted with funeral arrangements.

M. Allen Anspaugh

MESA, Ariz. — M. Allen Anspaugh, 41, died Feb. 1, 2001, at his home in Mesa, Ariz.

He was born Sept. 29, 1959, in Fort Wayne. He married Deborah Smith on July 5, 1980, in Las Vegas. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Patrick, and two daughters, Sarah and Melissa; a sister, Sherry Weller, and a brother, Robert, both of Mesa; and one grandson, Blake.

Services were held Feb. 9 in Mesa.

Theodore D. Kanisak

LAGRANGE — Theodore D. Kanisak, 84, died Friday, Feb. 23, 2001, at his residence in LaGrange.

He was born July 22, 1916, in Indiana Harbor to Michael and Rose (Dalka) Kanisak Helwig.

He retired from U.S. Steel Corp. in Gary and moved to LaGrange in 1983. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange and the Association for Research and Enlightenment in Virginia Beach, Va., for more than 30 years.

He never married. Surviving are two nephews, Thaddeus A. Ward of Gary and Jeffery L. Ward of Seattle, Wash.; and two special friends, Kim Zinkie and Ellery Ransom, both of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Florence Kanisak, and one brother, Michael Kasinak.

There will be no services or visitation. Cremation has taken place.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Council on Aging.

Arrangements were made by Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Mildred Kauffman

SALEM — Mildred W. Kauffman, 88, of Salem, died at 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 2, 2001, in Washington County Hospital, Salem, after a long illness.

Formerly of LaGrange, Mrs. Kauffman had been a resident of Heritage House in Salem since May 1, 1998.

She was a homemaker, an Avon representative, a cook at Westview School, and baked pies for local restaurants. She was a member of Emma Mennonite Church.

Mrs. Kauffman was born Feb. 6, 1913, in LaGrange County to Edward and Mary (Miller) Mishler.

On Oct. 1, 1932, she married Milo U. Miller. He died June 22, 1966. She then married Chancey Kauffman on March 1, 1980. He preceded her in death on Aug. 9, 1997.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Dorene and Carl Kauffman of Haleyville, Ala., and Doris and Gary Loy of New Salisbury; a stepdaughter, Dorothy Mast of LaGrange; three sons, Donald Miller of Arthur, Ill., Deldon Miller of LaGrange, and Dean Miller of Columbia City; two stepsons, Dennis Kauffman of Wylie, Texas, and Dwight Kauffman of Colorado; 16 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, eight stepgrandchildren, and five stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and three sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Emma Mennonite Church, Topeka. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling is today from 4 to 7 p.m. in Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Memorials are to the church building fund or the Alzheimer's Association.

Heribert Schiffli

WATERLOO — Heribert J. "Harry" Schiffli, 94, of Waterloo, died at 12:35 p.m. Saturday, March 3, 2001, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Schiffli was a farmer and worked as a machine operator at Rieke Corp. in Auburn for 16 years, retiring in 1972. His hobbies were weightlifting, wrestling and boxing.

He was born Sept. 5, 1906, in DeKalb County to Methias and Magdalena Schiffli.

He is survived by five sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas and Elizabeth Schiffli of Tallahassee, Fla., James and Kathie Schiffli of Waterloo, Richard and Judy Schiffli of Auburn, William and Deborah Schiffli of Ashley, and Dennis and Terri Schiffli of Hamilton; three daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn and Roc Brown of Waterloo, Patricia and Steve Erwin of Garrett, and Lorraine and Tim Stoneburner of Kendallville; a sister, Dorthea Schoudel of Waterloo; 18 grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; and his former wife, Frieda Pazitney.

A sister, Gertrude Schiffli, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, with the Rev. David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will be held at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Adolph Krupa

CROMWELL — Adolph Fred Krupa, 87, of Cromwell, died at 9:20 a.m. Thursday, March 1, 2001, in Goshen General Hospital.

Mr. Krupa was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1941 to 1945 as a drill instructor, staff sergeant and in the motor pool.

He was an automotive mechanic, and a dairy farmer in New York. He belonged to the Knapp Lake Association.

Mr. Krupa was born Sept. 3, 1913, in Auburn, N.Y., to Peter and Barbara (Lorync) Krupa.

Surviving are a daughter, Nancy Kesterke of Wawaka; two sons and a daughter-in-law, James and Carol Krupa of Utica, N.Y., and Roger Krupa of Cromwell; a sister, Helen Krupa of New Hartford, N.Y.; seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Sawiki, on Jan. 25, 1996; a son, Richard Krupa, on Oct. 21, 2000; two sisters and three brothers.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Dale Bauman officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell, with military graveside rites by Ligonier American Legion Post 243.

Calling is today from 3 to 6 p.m. in the funeral home.

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Janice Huffman

GARRETT — Janice A. Huffman, 68, died Friday, March 2, 2001, at 3:31 p.m. in her home on South Harrison Street in Garrett.

Mrs. Huffman retired from Garrett Industries in 1994 after 22 years of service.

She was born Aug. 3, 1932, in Butler to Henry and Hilda (Cole) Funk.

She married James Huffman on Feb. 18, 1956, in Butler. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, John Michael Huffman of Garrett; a daughter, Julie Deter of Grabill; a sister, Joyce Yates of Nashville, Ind.; and five grandchildren, Spencer Summer, Jacob, Sarah and Kallie Huffman and Coleman Spencer.

A son, Jerry Huffman, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling is Monday from 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurses Service and Hospice of Fort Wayne or the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

The News-Sun, Mon., March 5, 2001

John Halsey

SYRACUSE — John E. Halsey, 60, died at 5 a.m. Friday, March 2, 2001, at Goshen General Hospital.

He had lived in Syracuse since 1984, coming from Noble County. He most recently served as general manager at Burnworth-Zollars Chevrolet, working in the business for 40 years. He was a member of the Syracuse and Albion Eagles, and Maxwelton Golf Club, and on the board of the Men's Bowling Association of Syracuse.

He was born June 5, 1940, in Syracuse to Ralleigh and Mary (Simon) Halsey. His father survives in Kimmell. His mother preceded him in death. On Dec. 31, 1984, he married Peggy Firestone-Smith, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Jeffrey Halsey of Whitefish, Mont., and Tomas Halsey of Helena, Mont.; a stepdaughter, Darcey Yoder of Goshen; a stepson, Derek Smith of Baton Rouge, La.; a brother, Mike Halsey of Kimmell; three sisters, Lois Osbun of Kendallville, Theresa Hughes of Fort Wayne and Joyce Castro of Milford; and five granddaughters.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Eastlund Funeral Home Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with the Rev. Brad Whitehead officiating. Burial will be at Syracuse Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Goshen Cancer Treatment Center.

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Also preceding him in death was a son, Patrick E. Bruce, on Jan. 6.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Christine "Tina" Bherns of Rome City, Laura E. and Kevin Spadoni and Jean L. and J.D. Dowd, all of Plano, Texas; four sons and two daughters-in-law, Robert W. Bruce of Kendallville, Michael J. and Nancy Bruce of Rome City, Timothy A. Bruce of South Milford and Joel A. and Staci Bruce of El Paso, Texas; a sister, Celia Whitney of Avon; and 10 grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at Rome City United Methodist Church with the Rev. Harold North officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, and an hour before services at the church Thursday.

Memorials are to the family.

Frederick Sammetinger

FORT WAYNE — Frederick C. "Fritz" Sammetinger, 79, died Saturday, March 3, 2001, at The Arbors.

The Wapakoneta, Ohio, native was a salesman at Monroe Office Equipment for 25 years before retiring in 1983. He was previously a manager of data processing at Tokheim Corp. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps who received the Purple Heart.

Surviving are his wife, Audrey J. Sammetinger; three daughters, Laura Leichty of Auburn, and Rebecca L. Million and Evelyn Vielkind, both of Fort Wayne; a son, Stephen J. Sammetinger of Kendallville; four sisters, Gertrude Hartman, Helen Bauer and Flora Schafenacker, all of Fort Wayne, and Esther Anderson of Pueblo, Colo.; a brother, the Rev. Carl Sammetinger of Etowah, N.C.; and five grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity English Lutheran Church, 401 W. Wayne St. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St.

Memorials are to the Second Air Division Memorial Library, Norfolk, England.

Services Held

LIGONIER — Funeral services for **Beulah Slabaugh**, 88, of Ligonier, were 2 p.m. Sunday, March 4, 2001, with the Rev. James Farrer officiating.

Burial was in Salem Cemetery, Ligonier.

Pallbearers were Mike, Mark, Ken and Will Slabaugh and Barton, Berry and Tony Black.

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Doris Tapp

CROMWELL — Doris Irene Tapp, 84, died at 3:55 p.m. Saturday, March 3, 2001, in the emergency room at Goshen General Hospital.

She had lived most of her life in Cromwell. For over 30 years she was a partner in Sisters Beauty Shop in Ligonier. At the time of her death she was employed at Town & Country Mercantile, which was founded by her brother, George Kreager. She was a member of Stone's Hill Community Church. She enjoyed cooking.

She was born June 5, 1916, in Cromwell to Tony and Fern (Moschel) Kreager. On Feb. 23, 1940, in Indianapolis, she married Robert H. Tapp, who preceded her in death in 1999.

Also preceding her in death were four brothers, Jake, Jack, George and Howard Kreager.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charlie and Karen Tapp of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Phil Hunter of Cromwell; a brother, Bob Kreager of Goshen; two sisters, Josephine Wolf of Cromwell and Ruth Elijah of Ligonier; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Stone's Hill Community Church, Ligonier, with the Rev. Charlie Armes officiating. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Arrangements are by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

William Klepper

FORT WAYNE — William B. Klepper, 73, died Sunday, March 4, 2001, at Lutheran Home.

The Fort Wayne native was a salesman at Bodigon Chrysler-Dodge in Kendallville for 10 years. He also worked at Coverall Rental for 23 years and was chief jailer for the Allen County Sheriff's Department for six years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife, Evelyn R. Klepper; two sons, Paul Williams of Fort Wayne and Bruce Alan of Churubusco; and a brother, Harry W. Klepper of Alamo, Texas.

Services are 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Emmaus Lutheran Church, 2230 Broadway. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., and at the church an hour before services.

Memorials are to the roof, boiler or school capital building fund at Emmaus Lutheran Church, the 30 Minutes with Jesus radio program, or Lutheran Home.

Tom Mobley

FORT WAYNE — Tom Mobley, 38, died Saturday, March 3, 2001, at home in Fort Wayne.

He was a truck driver with Roadway Express and attended Saturn Christian Church.

He was born March 6, 1962 in Auburn to Archie and Sandra Mobley, who survive in South Milford.

Also surviving are his wife, Linda Mobley of Fort Wayne; three sons, Zachary Thomas Mobley and Justin and Nicholas Mather, all at home; a daughter, Courtney Mobley of Fort Wayne; two brothers; and two sisters.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

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He was preceded in death by a brother, James Isaac Nivens, in 1986.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Thomas Clothier officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home and an hour before services there Thursday.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church, Kendallville, building fund.

Dorothy Yoder

LAGRANGE — Dorothy B. Yoder, 95, died at 9:10 a.m. Sunday, March 4, 2001, at Vencor Hospital — LaGrange.

She was a retired employee of Topeka Mill who lived most of her life in Topeka. She had many friends in the Topeka community and her church family at Topeka Mennonite Church.

She was born Nov. 5, 1905, in Fulton County, Ohio, to Venus and Emma (Rupp) Yoder.

She leaves no surviving family members.

Graveside services are 2 p.m. Wednesday at Eden Cemetery, Topeka, with the Rev. John Hockman officiating. There is no calling.

Memorials are to Topeka Mennonite Church.

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Marjorie Miller

KENDALLVILLE — Marjorie Ann Miller, 74, died at 5:30 a.m. Monday, March 5, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

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She was born June 11, 1926, in Jefferson Township, Noble County, near Kendallville to Henry Earl and Mildred Lucille (Dieble) Probst. On April 29, 1946, in Kendallville, she married Orland Jay Miller, who survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter, Debra Kemerly of Wolcottville; a son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Sherri Miller of Mound, Minn.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Betty Atz of Kendallville and Barbara and William F. Drerup of Avilla; three grandchildren, Troy Kemerly and Joshua and Derek Miller; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, George Probst and Donald Cripe.

Graveside services are 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

There will be no calling.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Lois Bauer

COLUMBIA CITY — Lois Bauer, 70, died Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2001, at Whitley Memorial Hospital.

Surviving are two sons, Paul Nuhfer of Odessa, Texas, and Richard Nuhfer of Jackson, Mich.; two daughters, Rosemary Reed of Brutus, Mich., and Margaret Glenn of Oklahoma City; two stepsons, Fred Bauer of Cromwell and Robert Bauer of Maine; two brothers, Robert McAdam of Midlothian, Ill., and Thomas McAdams of Cedar Lake; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J.R. "Joe" Bauer, and a son, Joseph Bauer.

Private family memorial services were Monday.

Arrangements were by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

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Merea Leister

MUNCIE — Merea J. Leister, 102, died at 2:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, 2001, at Parkview Nursing Center, Muncie.

The Muncie resident previously lived in Kendallville at the home of her niece, Luella Sibert, for several years. Before that she had lived most of her life in Sturgis, Mich. She was a homemaker.

She was born June 17, 1898, in Fairfield to Charles and Nellie (Sthair) Martin. In 1962 in Greenville, S.C., she married James E. Leister, who preceded her in death in 1977.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, four sisters, two nieces and a nephew.

Surviving is a niece, Roberta Hinkley of Muncie.

Graveside services are at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Fairfield Cemetery, DeKalb County.

Arrangements are by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Gerald DeBolt

SEBRING, Fla. — Gerald DeBolt, 74, died Monday, March 5, 2001, at Highlands Hospital, Sebring.

The Berne native retired in 1980 as an inspector on the motor line at International Harvester after 34 1/2 years.

Surviving are his wife, Marjorie E. DeBolt; four sons, Jerry DeBolt of Churubusco, Eugene DeBolt of Battle Creek, Mich., Gary A. Myers of Decatur and Westly DeBolt of Hagerstown; two daughters, Tonya L. Cossairt of Markle and Wanda L. Frantz of Bluffton; two brothers, Marion L. DeBolt of Decatur and Floyd Wayne DeBolt of Bluffton; 16 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Markle Church of Christ. Burial will be at Hoverstock Cemetery, Zanesville.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Elzey & Haggard Ossian Chapel, and Saturday an hour before services at the church.

Evelyn Weaver

PIERCETON — Evelyn D. Weaver, 77, died Tuesday, March 6, 2001, at home.

The Kosciusko County native was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Royce Weaver; two daughters, Marsha Vandewalker of Churubusco and Sharon DuBois of Wabash; a brother, Vreeland Huffer of Warsaw; and eight grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Friday at Eastlund Funeral Home Harris Chapel, Syracuse. Burial will be at North Webster Cemetery.

Calling is two hours before services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Whitley County Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Ralph Widner

WARREN — Ralph E. "Hoop" Widner, 85, died Monday, March 5, 2001, at Markle Health Care.

The Pulaski County native retired in 1980 from the Indiana State Highway Department.

Surviving are two sisters, Bonnie Whittecar of LaGrange and Sattie Sisson of Delphi; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services are 2 p.m. today at Grant Memorial Park, Marion.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to Markle Health Care, 170 N. Tracy St., Markle, IN 46770.

Arrangements are by Glancy Funeral Homes — H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren.

Helen Wagner

ASHLEY — Helen G. Wagner, 92, died Tuesday, March 6, 2001, at 7:15 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett. Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Michael Morris

LIGONIER — Michael J. Morris, 16, died Tuesday, March 6, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

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Memorials are to the family.

Virginia Embree

Virginia F. Embree, 83, Ligonier, died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2001, at Goshen General Hospital, Ligonier.

She was born Feb. 12, 1918, in Kokomo. She was married there on Sept. 10, 1937.

In 1981 she retired from Seals in Kokomo after 15 years. She lived in Fort Wayne for 16 years before moving to Ligonier three years ago.

She was a member of the Eastern Star in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her daughter, Vicki Taylor of Ligonier; two grandsons, Michael Crossley of Ligonier and Shane Marker of Phoenix, Ariz.; five granddaughters, Rachel Slone of Kendallville, Sheryl Trowbridge of Kendallville, Julie Crossley of Ligonier, Robyn Funk of Kendallville and Rhonda Slone of Avilla; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Charles Embree, who died in 1997; a grandson, Steven Crossley, who died in 1990; a great-grandson, Anthony Slone, who died in 1990; and two daughters, Judith Kay Marker, who died in the 1970s, and Rebecca Marker, who died in 1972.

Services were at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with burial at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to Care House - Goshen Hospital, or Cancer Treatment Center of America - Goshen Hospital.

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Theda Vosberg

Theda Florence Vosberg, 87, of Kendallville, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2001, at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne.

She was born May 23, 1913, in Polo, Ill., to Charles Coffman and Bessie (Gilbert) Coffman Dusing. On April 15,1935 in Wheaton, Ill., she married Russell Frederick Vosberg, and he died May 4, 1994.

Mrs. Vosberg graduated from Polo High School in 1931 and earned a nursing degree in 1934 at Deconese School of Nursing in Freeport, Ill. She worked as a registered nurse at McCray Hospital in Kendallville from 1957-1985, and was a member of the Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church near Avilla. She was a member of the Freeport School of Nursing Alumni and a 4-H leader for the Wayne Center Buds of Wayne 4-H Club for 10 years.

She was a member and Past Worthy Matron of the Freeport Order of the Eastern Star, and also belonged to the Mount Pleasant Church Lydia Circle and the Home Extension Club.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Carol Vosberg of Warsaw; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Jimmy Bauer of Leaf River, Ill., and Pam and Terry Spohr of Avilla; a brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Dorothy Coffman of Polo, Ill.; a sister and brother-in-law, Wilma and Roger Bingner of Freeport, Ill.; an aunt, Letilia Wisner of Polo; and 10 grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by an infant son, a stepfather, Ed Dusing, a brother, Robert Coffman, and a sister, Lula Johnson. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery

Services were at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church in rural Avilla, with the Rev. Ann Marshall officiating.

Memorials are to the church.

Hazel Weicht

Hazel V. Weicht, 84, Butler, died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2001, at 9:50 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Weicht was a homemaker and lived in Butler. She was a member of Wittenburg Guild and Butler Community Bible Church.

She was born April 9, 1916, in Bryant, Ind., to Charles and Izora (Kirby) Garbric.

She married Dean C. Weicht on Sept. 28, 1934, in Avilla, and he died Oct. 20, 1994.

Surviving her are three sons, DeVeir of Butler, DeVon of Hamilton, and DeWayne of Mesa, Ariz.; two daughters, Donna Barber and Diana Vignocchi, both of Auburn; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Jim Glasscock officiating. Burial was in Butler Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Support Group of DeKalb County.

Thelma Kline

Thelma Marie Kline, 86, formerly of Kendallville, died at 6 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, 2001, at the home of her son in LaGrange County. She had suffered from Alzheimer's disease for more than nine years.

Mrs. Kline was born Jan. 15, 1915, to Charles and Vesta (Witt) Whitney in Kendallville.

She married Everett B. Kline in 1935, and together they owned and operated Clover Leaf Egg and Cream Co. on Main Street in Kendallville for more than 30 years. After her husband's death in 1972, she went to work at McCray Hospital in Kendallville as a dietitian until her retirement.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Chuck and Linda Kline of rural LaGrange; three grandchildren, Steve Murphy of Avilla, Eric Murphy of Blackmon Lake, and Michel Paris of Goshen; and four great-grandchildren, Tanner and Taylor Murphy and Logan and Mariah Paris.

A sister, Leona Nelson, died in 1971.

Services were at Bethel Christian Baptist Church, Kendallville, with the Revs. Charlie Mosley and Doug Ritchie officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

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Charles Nichols

COLUMBIA CITY — Charles Thomas "Tom" Nichols, 81, died Wednesday, March 7, 2001, at Michigan City Health Care.

He worked for the railroad for 12 years, then was employed at Dana Spicer Axle, Fort Wayne. He also worked as a steel millwright with Local 1043 in Gary.

Surviving are his wife, Cleo Irene Nichols of Union Mills; two daughters, Virginia Irene Crim of Union Mills and Nancy Charlene Moffitt of New Port Richey, Fla.; a brother, Kenneth Nichols of Albion; two sisters, Blanche Pauline Patton and Lois Baker, both of Columbia City; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Thomas Allen Nichols.

Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial will be at Thorncreek Bethel (Egolf) Cemetery, Whitley County.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are donor's choice.

The News-Sun, Fri., March 9, 2001,

Michael Morris

LIGONIER — Michael J. Morris, 16, of Ligonier, died at 1:10 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, 2001, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a sophomore at West Noble High School, Ligonier.

Michael Morris

On Dec. 18, 1984, in Tampa, Fla., he was born to Rickie N. and Lisa (Cooper) Morris. His mother preceded him in death.

He lived in Ligonier for nine years after moving from Tampa.

He was a member of Five Corners Baptist Church in Wolcottville and Youth for Christ.

Surviving in addition to his father and stepmother, Rickie N. and Nannette Wynn-Morris, are two brothers, Austin Wynn and Keith Morris, Ligonier; paternal grandparents, James and Betty Morris, Rome City, and Ron and Jeannetta Springman, Tennessee; paternal great-grandmother, Erie Campbell, Georgetown, Ky.; maternal stepgrandfather, Bill Stiverson, Churubusco; and maternal step-great-grandmothers, Lucy Stiverson and Eva Crone, both of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Five Corners Baptist Church with the Rev. Clarence Combs officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville, and Sunday after 3:30 p.m. at Five Corners Baptist Church.

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Pallbearers were Lestes Parker Nivens, Jack Goss, Joseph Parks, Hugh Eshelman, Darron Handshoe and Mike Albaugh.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church, Kendallville, building fund.

Anna Yoder

GOSHEN — Anna Belle Yoder, 71, of Goshen, died at 4:15 p.m. Thursday, March 8, 2001, at the home of Allen and Katie Stoltzfus in Middlebury. She had lived there two weeks.

Mrs. Yoder had been in declining health for six weeks.

On July 4, 1929, in Elkhart County, she was born to William and Lizzie Ann (Mast) Sumpter. On Nov. 24, 1966, in Middlebury, she married Abner Yoder, who survives.

She was a homemaker, a member of the Old Order Amish Church and lived most of her life in the area.

She was raised by foster parents William and Lydia Miller of Shipshewana.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two stepdaughters, Mrs. Glen (Wanita) Chupp and Mrs. Rick (Joyce) Chupp, both of Goshen; a sister, Dorothy Schmucker, Goshen; a foster sister, Marie Yoder, address unknown; two brothers, Elden Sumpter, LaGrange, and Homer Huffman, Marshal, N.C.; and seven stepgrandchildren.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Toby Yoder residence at 15314 Ind. 4, Goshen, with Bishop Eli A. Miller and home ministers. Burial will be at Clinton Brick Cemetery, Goshen.

Calling is after noon Saturday and all day Sunday at her residence.

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Nancy Moore

WOLCOTTVILLE — Nancy A. Moore, 57, of Wolcottville, died at 10:39 a.m. Thursday, March 8, 2001, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

On Sept. 17, 1943, in Goshen, she was born to Kenneth and Helen (Davidson) Kauffman. She married Phillip A. Moore on Nov. 29, 1968, in Dunlap. He survives.

Mrs. Moore was vice president of human resources and health care benefits for Group Dekko International in Kendallville.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two daughters, Mrs. Tony (Lisa A.) Rich, Holland, Mich., and Mrs. David (Tracey L.) McBride, LaGrange; two sisters, Janet Zimmerman, Goshen, and Doris Reese, Plymouth; two brothers, Wayne Kauffman, Davenport, Fla., and Robert Kauffman, Goshen; and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at LaGrange Church of God, LaGrange, with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Memorials are to the Noble County Cancer Society.

Beatrice Gwinnup

KENDALLVILLE — Services are pending for Beatrice M. Gwinnup, 74, who died at 8:50 p.m. Thursday, March 8, 2001, at her Kendallville residence.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Craig Whonsetler

LAOTTO — Services are pending for Craig A. Whonsetler, 47, who died at 8:15 p.m. Thursday, March 8, 2001, at his LaOtto residence.

Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla is in charge of arrangements.

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E. Max Waltenberger

HAMILTON — E. Max Waltenberger, 73, died Friday, March 9, 2001, at 3:20 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was a former employee of Challenge Cook Brothers of Bryan, Ohio, He was a former emergency management director in Steuben County, and a former employee of Oberlin Real Estate in Hamilton. He served in the U.S. Air Force.

Mr. Waltenberger was born Nov. 30, 1927, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Elmo and Dorothy (Fox) Waltenberger.

He married JoAnn Mettert on June 27, 1948, in Hicksville, and she survives.

Also surviving him are two sons and daughters-in-law, Greg and Sheli Waltenberger of Hamilton, and Ron and Mary Waltenberger of Federalsburg, Md.; one brother, LaVon Waltenberger of Jackson, Mich.; seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

One son, Jim Waltenberger, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Hamilton United Methodist Church, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Eric Stoops will officiate. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Hamilton Lions Club will hold a service Sunday at 6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church or ALS organization.

Henry Harp

KENDALLVILLE — Henry "Hank" Harp, 81, died at 4:15 p.m. Friday, March 9, 2001, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Thelma Smith

KENDALLVILLE — Thelma A. Smith, 82, died at 3:55 p.m. Friday, March 9, 2001, at Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home, Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

E. Gwendolyn Emmert

TULSA, Okla. — E. Gwendolyn Emmert, 91, died Thursday, March 8, 2001, at 7:20 p.m. in her Tulsa, Okla., home.

She was a former Howe resident. She was a retired school teacher, teaching art, music and kindergarten for 29 years.

She attended public school in Lima Township and earned a degree in music in 1931 from DePauw University.

She was active in Howe United Methodist Church, where she directed the choirs, played the piano and sang solos for services, weddings and other occasions. She was an accompanist for services at Woodland Terrace Retirement Community in Tulsa until January.

She was named LaGrange County Senior Queen in 1983 and represented the county at the Indiana State Fair that year.

Mrs. Emmert was born June 19, 1909, in Howe to John J. and Mabel (Kelly) Yunker.

She married Howard W. Emmert on June 6, 1937, in Howe, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Marcella "Marcy" and Robert Lawless of Tulsa; one son and daughter-in-law, the Rev. John H. and Kathy Emmert of Lancaster, Pa.; one brother, Jean H. Yunker of Howe; two sisters, Barbara Crumm of Goodrich, Mich., and Marjorie Bricker of Howe; and three grandchildren.

One brother, Dr. Robert J. Yunker, and one sister, Helen Gillis, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Howe United Methodist Church. The Rev. Robert Raschka and the Rev. John H. Emmert will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Howe.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Memorials are to the church.

Lewis Fritz Sr.

ORLAND — Lewis Russell Fritz Sr., 73, died Wednesday, March 7, 2001, in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a retired mechanic for Pokagon State Park. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Air Force, receiving the WWII Victory Medal, National Defense Medal, Army of Occupation Medal and good Conduct Medal. He was a member of Orland American Legion Post 423.

Mr. Fritz was born Sept. 11, 1927, in Angola to Hugh and Mildred Fritz.

He married Dorothy Bell Willms, and she survives.

Also surviving him are three daughters, Vicky Shaw of Fremont, Fran Payne of Salem Center and Beverly Slone of Kendallville; six sons, Lewis R. Fritz Jr. of Columbia, Ohio, Gary M. Fritz of Nevada Mills, Mark M. Fritz, Kevin K. Fritz and Walter A. Pelfrey, all of Angola, and Steve Pelfrey of Garrett; two sisters, Pat Blair of Jonesville, Mich., and Esther Breeze of Arkansas; one brother, Floyd Fritz of Jackson, Mich.; his stepmother, Lois Fritz of Hillsdale, Mich.; a half-brother, Richard Fritz of Hillsdale; and 65 grandchildren.

Two sons, David and Richard Fritz, preceded him in death.

Services will be held today at 1 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland, with military graveside services by Orland American Legion Post 423.

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Craig Whonsetler

LAOTTO — Craig A. Whonsetler, 47, died Thursday, March 8, 2001, at 8:15 p.m. in his LaOtto home.

He had worked at LaOtto Farm Supply in LaOtto since 1986 and was a lifetime LaOtto resident. He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto and a 1973 graduate of East Noble High School.

Mr. Whonsetler was born Dec. 11, 1953, in Kendallville to Joseph N. and Edith (Uhl) Whonsetler. His mother survives in Avilla and his father preceded him in death on June 8, 1997.

He married Pamala Jo Kirkpatrick on Oct. 23, 1982, in Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church, Kendallville, and she survives.

Also surviving him are two daughters and one son-in-law, Nichole Whonsetler of New Port Richey, Fla., and April and Tim Baird of LaOtto; two sons and daughters-in-law, Christopher and Katrina Wolfe of Churubusco, and Bert and Stacey Wolfe of Wolcottville; one brother, Guy Whonsetler of LaOtto; one sister, Linda Coy of Albion; nine grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with the Rev. Lois Watkins officiating. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family or Northeastern Indiana Hospice.

Beatrice Gwinnup

KENDALLVILLE — Beatrice Marie "Bea" Gwinnup, 74, died Thursday, March 8, 2001, at 8:50 p.m. at her Kendallville home.

She was born April 1, 1926, to William and Clara (Fox) Shane.

She married Carlton Eugene "Gene" Gwinnup on Sept. 12, 1943, in Rushville, Ind., and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda Kay and William Routsong of Kendallville, and Nancy Sue and David S. Carter, also of Kendallville; one sister, Mary Ellen Scott of Evansville; the following grandchildren, Melissa and John Owen, Nicholas Routsong, Jane and Shane Shepherd, and Stacy Krieger, all of Kendallville, Steven Krieger of Albion, Michael and Kimberly Routsong of Greenwood, Elizabeth and Abram Gregory of Bloomington, and Nathan Routsong of Jerez, Spain; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two infant sons, Stephen and Bradley Gwinnup; a granddaughter, Julia Ann McKenzie; a sister, Lillian VanSickle; and two brothers, William Jr. and Edwin Shane.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling after 11 a.m. John Owen, president of The Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice, Kendallville.

Ruth Doub

PAYSON, ARIZ. — Ruth L. (Franze) Doub, 82, of Payson, died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2001.

She was born in Kendallville on Jan. 16, 1919, to William and Mary Franze.

She moved to Arizona with her husband, Wayne, and son, Jerry, in 1947.

Survivors, in addition to her son, of Casa Grande, Ariz., are: two sisters, Mrs. Clarence (Edythe) Nartker, Kendallville, and Mrs. Delbert (Faye) Creager, Auburn; two brothers, Frank Franze, Auburn, and Richard Franze, Lawrenceburg; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Ethel Hull, Payson.

Two sisters and four brothers preceded her in death.

Memorial services were held Saturday, March 3, at the Kingdom Hall in Payson.

Services Held

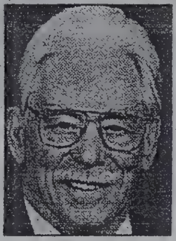
LIGONIER — Funeral services for **Doris Irene Tapp,** 84, of Cromwell were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 7, 2001, with the Rev. Charlie Arms officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Pallbearers were Tony Kreager, Jerry Kreager, Bobby Kreager, Terry Elijah, Larry Wolf, Phil Tapp, Colby Kreager, Kris Cox, Jeff Whitney, Doug Miller, Jeff Hunter, Mike Hunter and Chris Hunter.

Arrangements were by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home.

George Brock

CROMWELL — George D. Brock, 79, died at 11:58 a.m. Friday, March 9, 2001, in his residence in Cromwell. He had been ill for a year.


Mr. Brock

He was born in Corbin, Ky., on Sept. 25, 1921, to Albert and Eva Mae (Lundy) Brock. He married Olive Jones on June 14, 1947, in Toledo, Ohio. She died in 1981.

Mr. Brock was a World War II veteran, serving with the U.S. Army and taking part in the Normandy invasion and the Battle of the Bulge. He was the recipient of five bronze star awards.

He lived the Cromwell area for 15 years after moving from Toledo. He was a member of Cromwell United Methodist Church and retired from DeVilbiss Co. in Toledo, where he was employed as a machinist.

He was a member of Toledo VFW Post 2898, Elkhart Moose Lodge No. 599, North Webster American Legion Post and the Stardust Ballroom Dance Club.

Surviving are cherished friend Norma Bitner of Ligonier; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard "Pete" and Esther Brock of Daytona Beach, Fla.; three daughters and sons-in-law, the Rev. Brenda and Donald Ginder of Cromwell, Jessica and Frank Kapp of Perrysburg, Ohio, and Laura and James Ishler of Toledo; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Kocher.

Services will be held Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Christopher Dare officiating. Burial will be in Ottawa Hills Memorial Park in Toledo, where military services will be conducted at 3 p.m.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Noble House in Albion.

Henry Harp Jr.

KENDALLVILLE — Henry L. "Hank" Harp Jr., 81, died Friday, March 9, 2001, at 4:15 p.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, where he had resided since January.

He was born in LaGrange on Jan. 18, 1920, to Henry Sr. and Grace (McOscar) Harp. He married Esther Ruth Frey on April 26, 1941, in Gary. She survives in Kendallville.

Mr. Harp and his wife enjoyed over-the-road touring of the nation on their Honda Gold Wing motorcycle and logged more than 55,000 miles over a 10-year period. He also loved to hunt and fish and was a member of the LaGrange Camping Club and the Horseshoe Pitching Club in Avilla. He also was a member of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville.

He retired from Fine Wire in South Milford after working there for 16 years. He was a school bus driver for Avilla High School and was active as a farmer and carpenter all his life.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and William Braun of LaOtto, and Becky and Michael Ackerman of Lakewood, Colo.; one son and daughter-in-law, Craig and Mary Harp of Fort Collins, Colo.; five grandchildren, Tracy and Steve Myers of Greencastle, Thomas Braun of Annapolis, Md., Mark Harp, and Gary and Christy Harp, all of Fort Collins, Colo.; Chris and Tabitha Ackerman of Leland, N.C.; and four great-grandchildren.

One brother, Rozelle Harp, and one sister, Dean Taylor, preceded him in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. James Toole from Faith United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be Monday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church's elevator fund or Provena Sacred Heart Home's Alzheimer unit.

Thelma Smith

KENDALLVILLE — Thelma A. Smith, 82, died Friday, March 9, 2001, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville, where she had lived since July 1998.

Mrs. Smith was a dietitian and worked at McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville for many years. She belonged to Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, where she was a member of the Lydia Circle.

She was born Oct. 2, 1918, to Ross and Grace (McCann) Bishop. She married Elmer Leonard Smith on Dec. 3, 1936, at the Rehoboth Church in Auburn.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Bernard E. and Shirley Ann Smith, and Duane and Marilyn Smith, all of Kendallville; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Stanley Smith of Auburn, and Robert and Barbara Bishop, also of Auburn; five grandchildren, Mike Smith and Stacey Butschun, both of Houston, Texas, Gary and Craig Smith, both of Kendallville, and Kevin Smith of Rolling Prairie; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband on March 28, 1998, and a twin sister, Wilma Reade, on March 8, 1999.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Daniel Barker from Trinity Church United Methodist officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 3-7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Shepherd of the Hill chapel fund, the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Mary Latta

AVILLA — Mary L. Latta, 35, died Saturday, March 10, 2001, in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla.

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John Brandon

ANGOLA — John Wilson Brandon, 84, of Zephyrhills, Fla., died Saturday, March 10, 2001, at 8 p.m. at East Pasco Medical Center in Zephyrhills.

Mr. Brandon lived on West Otter Lake near Angola in the summers.

He had been a dairy farmer and worked at Plastic Molds of Fremont, Electric Motors of Garrett, and Rieke Corp. in Auburn. He retired from Rieke in 1980.

Mr. Brandon was a member of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau and the board of the former DeKalb County Co-op. He belonged to the Angola Assembly of God, and was a Sunday school teacher, Sunday school superintendent, youth leader, deacon, elder and board member at various times.

He enjoyed playing his clarinet at nursing homes in Indiana and Florida, and helped with prison services in Dade City, Fla.

He was born March 15, 1916, in Auburn to Larry and Mildred (Wilson) Brandon.

He married Wava Schmidt on Dec. 25, 1938, in the Auburn Christian Church. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Larry and Peggy Brandon of Galveston, Ind., John Brandon of Corunna, and Tim and Lori Brandon of LaOtto; three daughters and three sons-in-law, Dana and Dale Smith of Waterloo, Nancy and Harry Fike of Angola and Barbara and David Ault of South Bend; 14 grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A sister, Barbara Brandon, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Angola Assembly of God. Pastor Darold Beck will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling is Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Gideon Society.

Walter Baker

ALBION — Walter J. Baker, 86, died Sunday, March 11, 2001, at Kingston Nursing Home, Ligonier.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

Mary Latta

AVILLA — Mary L. Latta, 35, died at 2:50 p.m. Saturday, March 10, 2001, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

The lifetime resident of Avilla was an artist, an elementary teachers aid at Avilla School and a homemaker. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla.

She was born March 26, 1965, in Kendallville to John and Theresa (Meyer) Cary. Both survive in Avilla. On April 12, 1986, at St. Mary's Church she married Phillip Latta Jr., who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Jonathan and Owen Latta, both at home; a sister, Janet Bevis of Charlotte, N.C.; a brother, Tom Cary of Avilla; and a grandmother, Marguerite Meyer of Avilla.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Ellen M. Latta, in 1987.

Services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with the Rev. Daniel Durkin of St. Mary's Church officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling is 6-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Avilla Parent-Teacher Organization; Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla; St. Mary's Church, Avilla; or Parkview Noble Hospice.

Joyce Baird

ELKHART — Joyce E. Baird, 53, died at 10:16 p.m. Saturday, March 10, 2001, at Elkhart General Hospital of complications from a stroke.

The 1965 graduate of Elkhart High School was a homemaker. She lived in rural Elkhart.

She was born March 29, 1947, in St. Paul, Minn., to Howard and Jane (Beissler) Oetting. Her father survives in Elkhart. On June 10, 1967, in Elkhart she married Ronald J. Baird, who survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Eric B. and Heather Baird of Aurora, Ill.; a daughter and son-in-law, Kristen and Donald Baird Smith of Elkhart; two brothers, Jon Oetting of Mancelona, Mich., and Jeffery Oetting of Manitowoc, Wis.; and three granddaughters.

Services are at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Walley-Mills-Zimmerman Funeral Home, 700 E. Jackson, Elkhart, with the Rev. Harold Knight of Mendon Missionary Church, Mendon, Mich., officiating. Burial will be later at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is an hour before services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

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Delores Marin

RANCHO LA AMAPALA, Mexico — DeLores Ibarra Marin, 99, of Rancho La Amapala, Mexico, died Saturday, March 10, 2001, at home.

She was born in Mexico April 6, 1901, to Cruz and Petra (Delgado) Ibarra. In 1923 she married Bernardino Marin, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are five sons, Francisco, Manuel, Jose, Pedro and Jesus Marin; four daughters, Antonia Hernandez, and Maria Jesus Marin, Maria Juana Marin and Beatrice Marin, all of Mexico; 90 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Sunday in Mexico.

Memorial services for family members unable to attend funeral services were held Sunday at the Kendallville home of grandson Joe Hernandez and his wife, Olga Hernandez.

Josephine Rowe

FORT WAYNE — Josephine W. Rowe, 86, died Sunday, March 11, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The LaGrange County native was a homemaker.

Surviving are a daughter, Nancy Carter Reinhart of Fort Wayne; a sister, Kathryn Zelonis of Fort Wayne; a brother, Jackson Zimmerman of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Elmer A. Rowe, preceded her in death in 1999.

Services are noon Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Graveside services are 1:30 p.m. Thursday at South Milford Cemetery, South Milford.

Calling is 11 a.m.-noon Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

John Derrow

AUBURN — John David Derrow, 25, died Sunday, March 11, 2001, about 9 p.m. in a shooting in Kendallville.

Mr. Derrow was a construction worker for Jayton Construction of Auburn and a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge. He lived on West Ninth Street in Auburn.

He was born June 14, 1975, in Auburn. His parents, Jerry and Jolynn (Derrow) Keen, survive in Auburn.

Also surviving him are one brother, Jerry Keen Jr. of Auburn; his grandparents, Judy and David Nickols of Fort Wayne; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Pastor Noel Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Fern Albright

ORLAND — Fern L. Albright, 98, died Monday, March 12, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Albright was a homemaker and also worked at Keyes Grocery and Wagner's Superette, both in Orland.

She was born March 20, 1902, in Hudson to Guy and Bernice (Woodford) Zimmerman.

She married Earl Albright in 1918 in Steuben County. He died Jan. 22, 1975.

Surviving her are one daughter, Dorcas Norton of Orland; one son, Donald D. Albright of Orland; seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Dean and Milo Albright, one sister and one brother.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland, with the Rev. Rodger Strong officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Joyce Public Library in Orland or Orland Fire Rescue.

Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Dibert

AUBURN — Mary Louise Wetters Harland Dibert, 94, died Sunday, March 11, 2001, at Smith Farms Manor in Auburn.

Mrs. Dibert

Mrs. Dibert taught music in various elementary schools in Indiana, including Avilla and LaOtto. She owned Harland's Hardware in LaOtto.

She graduated from Bippus High School in 1924 and from Manchester College in 1927. She was a member of the Huntertown United Methodist Church, Home Extension Club and the Huntertown chapter of the Order of Eastern Star. She loved golf, travel and reading.

She was born Jan. 20, 1907, in Bippus. She married Lynn Harland, who died June 4, 1966. She then married Ernie Dibert, who died June 2, 2000.

Surviving her are six nieces, LaVonne Haines of Huntington, Dr. Loretta Leyman of New York, Mary Jane Yaney of Florida, Edith Brown of Pennsylvania, Eileen Wilson of Lake Wawasee, Syracuse, and Mary Lou McDowell of Albion; several stepchildren and cousins.

Two sisters, Ethyl Steffen and Veda Leyman, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in the Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church, Harland Hospice and Hospice of Choice.

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Walter Baker

ALBION — Walter J. Baker, 86, died at 11:25 p.m. Sunday, March 11, 2001, at Kingston Nursing Home, Ligonier.

The lifetime resident of Noble County was a retired farmer, plumber and electrical worker. He was a fisherman and hunter.

He was born May 18, 1914, in Noble County to Samuel W. and Fary M. (Kreager) Baker. On Aug. 24, 1935, at the Methodist Church in Albion, he married Floeila Weber, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Lucille and Dave Tumlinson of Jackson, Mich., Ann M. and Doug Gaerte of Albion and Linda and Jack Butler of Garrett; 10 grandchildren, Tim Walter and Robert Tumlinson, Lisa Balliet, Mindy Baldwin, Lorie Tipscord, Joe and John Butler and LeAnn and Angie Gaerte; two nieces, Pauline Ross and Claudine King, both of Albion; 18 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

A brother, Paul Baker, preceded him in death.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion. Burial will be at Merriam Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Eldon Anderson

CHURUBUSCO — Eldon D. Anderson, 77, died Monday, March 12, 2001, at home.

The Kosciusko County native was a lifelong farmer and a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a school bus driver for Smith-Green Community Schools for 20 years.

Surviving are his wife, Phyllis Anderson; three daughters, Monica LeFever and Nenette Jantz, both of Churubusco, and Dianna Henderson of Indianapolis; a son, Scott Anderson of Churubusco; a sister, Evelyn Perkins of Scottsdale, Ariz.; and six grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco. Burial will be at Eel River Cemetery.

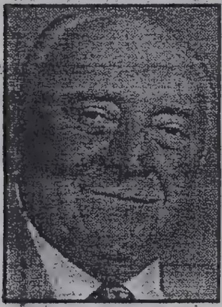
Calling is 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Whitley County Home Health, hospice or Churubusco United Methodist Church.

The News-Sun, Wed., March 14, 2001.

Marshall Wetzel

CHURUBUSCO — Marshall B. Wetzel, 75, died at 8:24 a.m. Tuesday, March 13, 2001, at Whitley Memorial Hospital, Columbia City. He had been hospitalized since Monday afternoon.


Mr. Wetzel

The rural Churubusco resident spent his formative years in Allen County and was educated in schools in Huntertown. As a young man he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War. He was the vice president and chief estimator for Cebor Construction Corp., Fort Wayne, for 25 years, retiring from Cebor in 1974. He spent all his adult life in Fort Wayne until he moved to Smith Township in 1980. He was a member of Trinity English Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne; Huntertown Lodge 689, F&AM; Mizpah Shrine; Scottish Rite; Valley of Fort Wayne; and American Legion Post 82, Fort Wayne.

He was born April 4, 1925, in St. Joseph Township, Allen County, to John R. and Lois (Harter) Wetzel. On Dec. 23, 1949, in Fort Wayne, he married Orleane LaRonge, who preceded him in death Feb. 25, 1980.

Also preceding him in death were a sister, Vivian Hollopeter, and three brothers, Howard, Vernon and Clem Wetzel.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Marlene and Donald McDaniel and Maureen and Terry Clemons, all of rural Columbia City; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Ralph Wetzel of Churubusco and John and Doris Wetzel of Fort Wayne; a sister, Joan Wetzel of Dallas, Texas; and two grandchildren, Corey and Amanda McDaniel, both of rural Columbia City.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Trinity English Lutheran Church's Krauss Chapel, 405 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne, with Pastor Kathleen Haller officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. Friday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and at the church an hour before services.

Memorials are to Trinity English Lutheran Church.

The following obituary is being reprinted to correct errors in information given to The News-Sun.

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ALBION — Walter J. Baker, 86, died at 11:25 p.m. Sunday, March 11, 2001, at Kingston Nursing Home, Ligonier.

The lifetime resident of Noble County was a retired farmer, plumber and electrical worker. He was a fisherman and hunter.

He was born May 18, 1914, in Noble County to Samuel W. and Fary M. (Kreager) Baker. On Aug. 24, 1935, at the Methodist Church in Albion, he married Floeila Weber, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Lucille and Dave Tumlinson of Jackson, Mich., Ann M. and Doug Gaerte of Albion and Linda Butler-Whittaker and Jack Butler of Garrett; nine grandchildren, Tim, Walter and Robert Tumlinson, Lisa Balliet, Mindy Baldwin, Lorie Tipscord, Joe Butler and LeAnn and Angie Gaerte; two nieces, Pauline Ross and Claudine King, both of Albion; 18 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Paul Baker, and in 1988 by a grandson, John William Butler.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion. Burial will be at Merriam Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Geraldine Boughey

KENDALLVILLE — Geraldine M. Boughey, 101, died today, March 14, 2001, at 6:20 a.m. at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Josephine Cookerly

LOGANSPORT — Josephine L. Cookerly, 96, of Kendallville, formerly of Burrows, died at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, 2001, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Arrangements are pending at McCloskey-Hamilton-Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport.

Carla Secaur

DECATUR — Carla R. Secaur, 61, died Tuesday, March 13, 2001, at home.

The Decatur native retired from the Adams County Highway Department after 24 years as a bookkeeper there.

Surviving are her husband, Nick Secaur; a daughter, Terri Schloss of Churubusco; a son, Jody A. Secaur of Decatur; a brother, Terry L. Snyder of Indianapolis; a sister, Joyce A. Bigham of Lubbock, Texas; and five grandchildren.

Graveside services are 9 a.m. Friday at Salem United Church of Christ Cemetery, Magley. Memorial services follow at 10 a.m. at the Salem Untied Church of Christ, Magley.

Calling is 5-8 p.m. Thursday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur.

Memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana or LOVE Inc.

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Services Held

LIGONIER — Funeral services were held Monday, March 12, 2001, at 11 a.m. for **Michael J. Morris** at Five Corners Baptist Church, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Clarence Combs officiating.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Pallbearers were Timmy Feipel, Rickie Morris, Loyal and Adam Stiverson, Keith Springman and John McNamara.

Arrangements were made by Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **Beatrice Marie Gwinnup** were held Monday, March 12, 2001, at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

John Owen, branch president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, officiated.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Michael, Nicholas and William Routsong, Shane Shepherd, Steven Krieger and David Carter.

LAOTTO — Funeral services for **Craig A. Whonsetler** were held Monday, March 12, 2001, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with the Rev. Lois Watkins officiating.

Burial was at Hooper-King Cemetery, Avilla.

Pallbearers were Randy, Jeremy, Jay, Dexter and Ryan Lutter and Dennis Hannley.

MUNCIE — Graveside services were held for **Merea J. Leister** Friday, March 9, 2001, at 1:30 p.m. at Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, was in charge of arrangements.

AVILLA — Funeral services for **Mary L. Latta** were held Tuesday, March 13, 2001, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with Father Daniel Durkin officiating.

Burial was in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla.

Pallbearers were Dave Sneary, Dave Harding, Kenny Amstutz, Steve Heiman, Mitch Blotkamp and Chuck Duehmig.

Honorary pallbearers were Ed Hindenlang, Dyke Grate, Carl Workman, Tom Hissem and Wayne Vice.

CROMWELL — Funeral services for **George D. Brock**, 79, were held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 13, 2001, with the Rev. Christopher Dare officiating.

Burial was in Ottawa Hills Memorial Park Cemetery, Toledo, Ohio.

Pallbearers were Franklin, Wilson and Donald Ginder, Angela Porter, Daniel and Jillian Fry, Frank Kapp, James Ishler, Charles Beeson, Allen Metzler and Jim Linton.

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Josephine Cookerly

KENDALLVILLE — Josephine L. Cookerly, 96, died at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, 2001, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

The resident of Lamplighter Apartments in Kendallville formerly lived in Burrows. She was a homemaker.

She was born July 5, 1904, in Cass County to Franklin H. and Mary Alice (Miller) Carney. On June 18, 1924, in Logansport, she married Paul Brown, who preceded her in death March 3, 1962. On June 26, 1963, in Logansport, she married Kenneth L. Cookerly, who preceded her in death July 10, 1977.

Four brothers and two sisters also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Edward J. and Billie Marie Brown of Kendallville and Robert L. and Quinceen Brown of Burrows; two stepdaughters, Lorena McCoy of Lebanon, Ind., and Betty Nies and her husband, Keith Nies, of Royal Center; a stepson, Kenneth Cookerly Jr. of Royal Center; seven grandchildren, Jay and Paul Brown of Kendallville, Sharon Everett of Flora, Nancy Anderson and Curtis and Brian Brown, all of Burrows, and Tina Garrison of Delphi; 15 stepgrandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at McCloskey-Hamilton-Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Logansport.

Calling is two hours before services Saturday at the funeral home.

Joas Miller

LAGRANGE — Joas E. Miller, 80, died at 6:40 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, 2001, at Vencor Hospital — LaGrange.

The retired farmer lived all his life in LaGrange. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born April 12, 1920, in LaGrange to Emmanuel P. and Lizzie (Yoder) Miller. His mother, now Lizzie Schrock, survives in LaGrange. On March 30, 1948, in Topeka, he married Gertie Yoder, who survives.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Treva and Joe W. Miller of LaGrange, Irene and Elmer D. Yoder of Middlebury and Freda Miller of Phoenix, Ariz.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Vernon T. and Carolyn Miller of LaGrange and Ernest E. and Mary Ellen Miller of McBain, Mich.; two sisters, Alta Hochstetler of Middlebury, and Mary Kim of Detroit, Mich.; a brother, Enos Miller of LaGrange; a stepsister, Mary Miller of LaGrange; four stepbrothers, Ralph Schrock of LaGrange, Lester Schrock of Shipshewana, Delbert Schrock of Topeka and Mose Schrock of Morley, Mich.; and 25 grandchildren.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Dan H. Yoder residence, 200S — 250W, LaGrange, with Bishop Sam J.R. Miller and the Rev. Alvin Yoder officiating. Burial will be at Miller Cemetery, 300W — 350S, LaGrange.

Calling will be after 6 p.m. today and all day Friday at the family residence, 2135W - 200S, LaGrange.

Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Shirley Baker

AUBURN — Shirley Ann Baker, 45, died Tuesday, March 13, 2001, at 3:34 p.m. in Valparaiso.

She was a homemaker and lived in Auburn. She was a member of Soul's Harbor Assembly of God Church in Auburn, Kendallville Eagles, and the Auburn American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born Aug. 24, 1955, in Fort Benning, Ga. Her mother, Maxine (Rhodes) Olds, survives in Auburn and her father, Ray D. Baker, is deceased.

Also surviving are four sons, Gregory D. Baker of Milwaukee, Wis.; Michael Baker, David Baker and Darell "Donny" Kirksey, all of Auburn; one daughter, Alicia Fosnaugh of Auburn; one brother, Greg A. Baker of Butler; three sisters, Raynell Mills and June Jordan, both of Auburn, and Cindy Schuller of Butler; and one grandchild, Briana Fosnaugh.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in Soul's Harbor Assembly of God Church, with the Rev. David Snodderly officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation or the family.

George D. Brock, 79

CROMWELL-George D. Brock, 79 died on Friday, March 9, 2001 at 11:58 a.m. at his residence after an illness of one year.

He was born on September 25, 1921 in Corbin Kentucky to Albert and Eva Mae (Lundy) Brock. He had lived in the Cromwell area for the last 15 years, coming from Toledo, Ohio. On June 14, 1947 he married Olive Jones in Toledo. She preceded him in death in 1981.

Mr. Brock retired from DeVilbiss Company in Toledo as a machinist. He was a veteran of WWII, having served with the U. S. Army during which he took part in the D-Day Normandy Invasion and also the Battle of the Bulge. He had been awarded 5 bronze stars. He was a member of Cromwell United Methodist Church. He belonged to VFW Post 2898, Elkhart Moose Lodge #599, North Webster American Legion Post and the Stardust Ballroom Dance Club.

Survivors include a cherished love, Norma Bitner of Ligonier; a son and daughter-in-law Richard (Pete) and Esther Brock of Daytona Beach, FL; three daughters and sons-in-law: Rev. Brenda and Donald Ginder of Cromwell, Jessica and Frank Kapp of Perrysburg Ohio, Laura and James Ishler of Toledo Ohio; ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Kocher.

Services were held on March 13, 2001 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier with the Rev. Christopher Dare. Burial was in Ottawa Hills Memorial Park, Toledo, Ohio where Military services were conducted.

Preferred memorials are to the Noble House.

Eldon Anderson

CHURUBUSCO -- Eldon D. Anderson, 77, of Churubusco, died at 3 a.m. Monday, March 12, 2001, at home.

He was born July 3, 1923 in Kosciusko County, Indiana to Gleason W. Anderson and Ruth D. Soppington Anderson. He graduated from Larwill High School. On February 19, 1950, he married Phyllis Harrold in Churubusco. He was a life long farmer and 20 year school bus driver for Smith-Green Schools and an Army veteran serving as a medic with the 1st Calvary in the South Pacific.

Surviving are his wife, Phyllis of Churubusco; daughters, Monica LeFever and Nanette Jantz of Churubusco and Dianna Anderson of Indianapolis; son, Scott Anderson of Churubusco; sister, Evelyn Perkins of Scottsdale, Ariz.; six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Beverly.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Orr Funeral Home. Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with pastor Chris Newman-Jacobs officiating.

Burial will follow in Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

Memorials are to Whitley County Home Health Hospice or Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Walter J. Baker

ALBION - Walter J. Baker, 86, died Sunday, March 11, 2001 at 11:25 p.m. at Kingston Nursing Home in Ligonier.

He was born on May 18, 1914 in Noble County to Samuel W. and Fary M. (Kreager) Baker.

On August 24, 1935 he married Floeila Weber in the Methodist Church in Albion. She survives.

Mr. Baker was a lifetime resident of Noble County, a retired farmer, plumber and electrician. He was an avid fisherman and hunter.

Surviving are three daughters: Mrs. Dave (Lucille) Tumlinson of Jackson, MI; Mrs. Doug (Ann M.) Gaerte of Albion; Mrs. Jack (Linda) Butler of Garrett; ten grandchildren: Tim, Walter, Robert Tumlinson; Lisa Balliet; Mindy Baldwin; Lorie Tipscord; Joe Butler; John Butler; LeAnn Gaerte and Angie Gaerte; eighteen grandchildren; two nieces, Pauline Ross and Claudine King both of Albion.

One brother preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2001 at 10:30 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

Visitation is from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, 2001 at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion. Burial will be in Merriam Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Craig A. Whonsetler, 47

LAOTTO-Craig Whonsetler, 47, died at hi home in LaOtto on Thursda March 8, 2001 at 8:15 p.m. He was born on Dec. 11, 195 in Kendallville to Joseph N and Edith (Uhl) Whonsetle His father preceded him i death. His mother survives.

On October 23, 1982 he married Pamala Jo Kirkpatric at Mt. Pleasant Luthera Church in Kendallville, sh survives. He was a member c Emmanuel Lutheran Church i LaOtto and a 1973 graduate o East Noble High School.

Other survivors include two daughters Nichole Whonsetler of New Por Richey Florida, Mrs. Tim (April) Baird of LaOtto; two sons and daughters-in-law Christopher and Katrina Wolfe of Churubusco and Bert and Stacey Wolfe of Wolcottville; nine grandchildren; a brother Guy Whonsetler; a sister Linda Coy of Albion and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held on Monday, March 12, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. in Brazzell Funeral of Avilla with the Rev. Lois Watkins officiating. Burial was in Hooper-King Cemetery, Avilla.

Preferred memorials are to the family or to Northeastern Indiana Hospice.

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Charles Nichols

COLUMBIA CITY - Charles Thomas "Tom" Nichols, 81, died Wednesday, March 7, 2001, at Michigan City Health Care.

He worked for the railroad for 12 years, then was employed at Dana Spicer Axle, Fort Wayne. He also worked as a steel millwright with Local 1043 in Gary.

Surviving are his wife, Cleo Irene Nichols of Union Mills; two daughters, Virginia Irene Crim of Union Mills and Nancy Charlene Moffitt of New Port Richey, Fla.; a brother, Kenneth Nichols of Albion; two sisters, Blanche Pauline Patton and Lois Baker, of Columbia City; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Thomas Allen Nichols.

Services were held on Saturday, March 10, 2001 at DeMoney -Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial was at Thorncreek Bethel (Egolf) Cemetery, Whitley County.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Walter Linvill

COLUMBIA CITY — Walter L. Linvill, 82, died at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, March 15, 2001, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The rural Columbia city resident was a farmer.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Arlene and Michael Shively of Churubusco and Beverly and Joe Huntsman of rural Albion; and two sons and daughters-in-law, Glen and Ann Linvill of rural Columbia City and Roger and Carla Linvill of rural Albion.

His wife, Lavon (Barnhart) Linvill, preceded him in death May 12, 1987.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Ruth Atwood

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth M. Atwood, 84, of Kendallville, died in her sleep after a short illness Thursday, March 15, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Atwood, a homemaker, had worked at Burrwood Home for the Blind in Coldwater Springs Harbor, N.Y.

She was born April 7, 1916, in Pleasant Lake to Ray and Mary N. (Jewell) McLain.

In 1935, she married Sherman Atwood. He died Jan. 13, 1986.

Surviving are two sons, Ray Atwood of Waterbury, Vt., and Paul Atwood of Danbury, Conn.; two daughters, Jeanne Atwood of North Fort Myers, Fla., and Joann Masturso of Beeville, Texas; two sisters, Marjorie Geark of LaGrange, and Sharon Warble of Howe; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; and her companion, Merle Miller of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Arlene Dodge and Florence DeWitt; and two brothers, Emmett McClain and Kenneth McClain.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. James Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is Saturday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Margaret Peck

TOPEKA — Margaret Hoak Peck, 96, died at 1:25 a.m. today, March 16, 2001, at Life Care Center, LaGrange.

She was born Aug. 18, 1904, in LaGrange County. She lived in Topeka.

Survivors include two daughters, Phyllis Yoder of Topeka and Elizabeth Sumpter of LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Services Held

ALBION — Funeral services were held for **Walter J. Baker** at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 15, 2001, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion. The Rev. Terry Zolman officiated. Burial was in Merriam Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Pallbearers were Clinton Baldwin, Jim Balliet, Joe Butler, and Tim, Wally and Bob Tumlinson.

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Walter Linvill

COLUMBIA CITY — Walter L. Linvill, 82, died at 7:15 p.m., Thursday, March 15, 2001, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been a patient there since Saturday.

Linville

The lifelong Smith Township and rural Columbia City resident was a retired farmer and graduated from Churubusco. He retired from farming in 1983. He was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church and served on the board of trustees of Smith-Green Community Schools in Churubusco for many years.

He was born Dec. 15, 1918, in Smith Township in Whitley County to Cleveland and Anna Kessie Linvill. On Feb. 28, 1941, he was married in Columbia City to Lavon E. Barnhart. She preceded him in death on May 12, 1987.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Mildred Hazen; and three brothers, Lawrence Linvill, Marshall Linvill, and Herbert Linvill.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Arlene and Michael Shively, Churubusco, and Beverly and Joe Huntsman of rural Albion; two sons and daughters-in-law, Glen and Ann Linville, rural Columbia City, and Roger and Karla Linvill, rural Albion; his special friend, Theresia J. Aumsbaugh, Churubusco; and 10 grandchildren.

Services are Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the Churubusco United Methodist Church with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will be at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, on Sunday from 2 to 7 p.m. and at the church for one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to the church.

Margaret Peck

TOPEKA — Margaret Hoak Peck, 96, died at 1:25 a.m. Friday, March 16, 2001, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Peck

She had been in failing health for the past five years.

A resident of LaGrange County for most of her life, she had worked at the Essex Wire Company in Ligonier for 30 years. She was a member of Topeka Baptist Church, Clear Spring Home Economics Club, and the Baptist Women's Organization. She had been a Deaconess of her church for a number of years.

She was born on Aug. 18, 1904, in LaGrange County to Abner and Cora (Dunithan) Hunter. Her first husband, George Hoak preceded her in death in 1969. Her second husband, Miles Peck, preceded her in death in 1993.

She was also preceded in death by two daughters, Sharon and Shirley; four sisters; and three brothers.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Eldon (Elizabeth) Sumpter, LaGrange, and Mrs. Maurice (Phyllis) Yoder, Topeka; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren; four step-great-great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Monday in Topeka Baptist Church at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Allen Holmes officiating. Burial will be in Sloan Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Topeka Baptist Church.

Arrangements are by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Shelly Cross

KENDALLVILLE — Shelly Renee Cross, 23, died on Thursday, March 15, 2001, at 6:25 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, from injuries she sustained in an auto accident that occurred late Wednesday evening or early Thursday morning.

She graduated from East Noble High School in 1996, attended Harvest Community Church in Kendallville and worked at Colwell Merchandising as a machine operator.

She was born on March 14, 1978, to James and Camille (Walker) Cross. They both survive her in Kendallville.

Other survivors include one sister and brother-in-law, Melanie and Curt Young, Kendallville; one brother, Brandon Cross, Pensacola, Fla.; maternal grandparents, Dean and Virginia Walker, Huntington; paternal grandparents, Jim and Pat Hedrick, Huntington; and a nephew, Collin Young, Kendallville.

Services will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. at Harvest Community Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. Jerry Rittenhouse from Harvest Community and the Rev. Gerald Moreland from Markle officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling is from 1 to 3 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Noble County Cancer Society.

Arrangements are through Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Geraldine Boughey

KENDALLVILLE — Geraldine M. Boughey, 101, died at 6:20 a.m. Wednesday, March 14, 2001, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Mrs. Boughey

Her family moved to Kendallville when she was 2 years old. She was a seamstress, working at the Trenton Garment Co., Kendallville, for 13 years. She delivered newspapers in Kendallville with her son, Gene, for over 20 years. She was a member of Kendallville Church of Christ. She enjoyed reading, social events, games, singing hymns and studying the Bible.

She was born Feb. 17, 1900, to Clyde and Grace (Gaines) Forbes. In 1918, she married Lester Wert, who preceded her in death. In LaPorte on Dec. 19, 1945, she married Robert Earl Boughey, who preceded her in death in 1982.

Two brothers, Leonard and Keith Forbes, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and Donald Zeedyk of Kendallville; a son, Eugene Wert of Kendallville; a brother, Max Forbes of Kendallville; two granddaughters, Sandra Showen of Virginia Beach, Va., and Susan Walsh of Dayton, N.J.; two great-grandchildren, Donald and Nancy Showen, both of Virginia Beach, Va.; a niece, Grace Moriarty of Hamilton; and three nephews, George Workman of Kendallville, Thomas Forbes of Fort Wayne and Hubert Forbes of Seabrook, Texas.

Services are 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Arvill B. Brown, Kendallville Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

Juanita Barclay

FORT WAYNE — Juanita Barclay, 81, died Thursday, March 15, 2001, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

The Fort Wayne resident was a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was a native of Harlan County, Ky., and a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Neil J. Barclay; two daughters, Eleanora Young of Chandler, Ariz., and Barbara Hart of Monroeville; two stepdaughters, Sandra Koher and Cynthia White, both of Wolf Lake; a son, Wayne E. Young of Ledbetter, Ky.; three stepsons, Keith, Steven and Kevin Barclay, all of Wolf Lake; a sister, Helen Bernatos of Brookville, Wis.; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Five brothers and three sisters preceded her in death.

Services are 2 p.m. today at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home Jacobs Chapel, 11 S. Water St., Monroeville. Burial will be at St. Louis Catholic Cemetery, Besancon.

Calling is an hour before services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Harold Chester

FORT WAYNE — Harold D. Chester, 75, died Friday, March 16, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital.

The Fort Wayne native was a retired truck driver who retired in 1992 from the Fort Wayne Street Department after 10 years of service. He had worked at Wolf Bedding for 25 years. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a son, John E. Chester of Angola; and two sisters, Harriet Hunt of Kendallville and Hilda Kimmel of Fort Wayne.

His wife, Thelma D. Chester, a brother and a sister preceded him in death.

There are no services or calling. Burial will be at Rice Cemetery, Elkhart.

Arrangements are by C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home.

James Renfrow

BUTLER — James O. Renfow Sr., 54, died Friday, March 16, 2001, at his Butler residence.

He was born Nov. 15, 1946, in Butler County, Ky., to Roscoe and Myrtle (Lindsay) Renfrow. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Janice (Wogoman) Renfrow; two sons and daughters-in-law, James Renfrow Jr. and Joyce Renfrow of Hicksville, Ohio, and Jon "Tommy" and Olivia Renfrow of Corunna; one daughter and son-in-law, Joni and Ricky Spau of Las Cruces, N.M.; his mother-in-law, Shirley Chapman of Butler; four brothers, Oscar, Leon, Clint and Richard Renfrow, all of Auburn; four sisters, Martine Fell of Waterloo, Linda Fell of Spencerville, Laura Harris of Georgia, and Mary Vintile of Auburn; and 10 grandchildren.

One daughter, Tina Renfrow, and two brothers, Harden and Raymond, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after 1 p.m. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Phyllis Clark

FORT WAYNE — Phyllis J. Clark, 72, died Thursday, March 15, 2001, at Regency Place.

The Fort Wayne native was a homemaker and a Methodist.

Surviving are her husband, Willard Clark; a stepdaughter, Beth A. Boger of Waterloo; two stepsons, Gary and Matthew Clark, both of Fort Myers, Fla.; and a sister, Catherine Rockerfeller of Fort Wayne.

Graveside services are 11 a.m. Monday at Eel River Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or the nurses and aides of B Wing, Regency Place Nursing Home.

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Florence Mitchell

AVILLA — Florence L. Mitchell, 94, of Avilla, died at 3 a.m. Sunday, March 18, 2001, at her residence.

On Nov. 20, 1906, in Lisbon, she was born to George W. and Harriet (Ihrie) Boszer. She married Frank Mitchell in the First Christian Church in Kendallville. He preceded her in death in 1954.

Mrs. Mitchell

She was a homemaker, a foster parent, a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla and a lifetime Avilla resident.

Surviving are a daughter, Ann Elizabeth Mitchell, and a son, James Franklin Mitchell, both of Avilla.

Four sisters, Inez Davidson, Alice Boszer, Helen Boszer and Hilda Schenher, and six brothers, Clifford, Elmer, Howard, Lawrence, Earl and Robert Boszer, all preceded her in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial is in Avilla Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling is 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Allen County League for the Blind.

ChiYon Sheley

TUCSON, Ariz. — ChiYon Sheley, 64, of Tucson, died at 1:04 a.m. Saturday, March 17, 2001, in St. Joseph Hospital, Tucson, of complications related to lupus. She had suffered from lupus since 1974.

She had lived in Kendallville until 1998.

On Nov. 21, 1936, in Seoul, South Korea, she was born to Chong Son Yun and Park Bok Chong. They preceded her in death.

In 1969 she married Lt. Col. Patrick M. Sheley, U.S. Army, now retired, of Tucson, who survives.

She moved to the U.S. in 1970 and became a U.S. citizen in 1974. They lived in Kendallville, her husband's hometown, until moving to Tucson in 1998.

She was a devoted wife and loving mother and grandmother who bravely battled her many painful illnesses.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are a daughter, Hyon Oh and granddaughter, Soo-ah Rho, both of Lynnwood, Wash.; a son, Kim Shele, of Seattle, Wash.; two stepdaughters. Sally Taylor of Clinton, Utah, and Carole Gubler of North Salt Lake, Utah; three stepsons, Michael Sheley of Houston, Texas, Lee Sheley of Sierra Vista, Ariz., and Patrick A. Sheley of South Bend; 31 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Tucson.

Calling is today from 3 to 7 p.m. at Bring Funeral Home in Tucson with rosary prayed at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to the Lupus Foundation of Arizona, 4602 E. Grant St., Tucson, Ariz. 85712.

Jairus 'Jerry' Friend

WATERLOO — Jairus "Jerry" Milton Friend, 86, died Sunday, March 18, 2001, at 1:10 a.m. in Wesley Health Care at Auburn.

Mr. Friend was a U.S. Navy veteran, having fought in World War II. He was a member of the Corunna Community Church, the Knights of Pythias in Corunna and American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville.

He had been employed at Sonotone Hearing Aids in Fort Wayne, then worked at Charleston Metal Products in Waterloo, where he retired in 1980 after 15 years.

He was born Feb. 10, 1915, in Richland Township to Emery and Mattie (Knox) Friend.

He married Helen (Meyer) Friend in Waterloo on Sept. 22, 1946, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Robert E. and Susan Friend of Griffith, James M. and Carol Friend of Bryan, Ohio, and Mark A. Friend of Waterloo; two brothers, George and Stanley, both of Corunna; one sister, Irene Myers of Corunna; five grandchildren, Lindsay Maloney, Jonathan R. Friend, Lori Nawrocki, Sandi Washburn and Vanessa Friend; and four great-grandchildren, Sarah, Anthony and Rebekah Nawrocki and Justin Genot.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, where the Kendallville and Avilla American Legion posts will conduct military graveside services.

Calling is Tuesday from noon-2 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Corunna Community Church.

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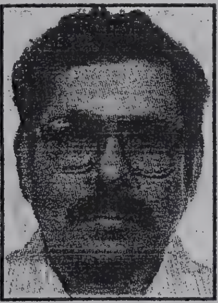
Jose Olivares

HOWE — Jose Omar Olivares, 59, of Howe, died at 6:13 p.m. Saturday, March 17, 2001, in Elkhart General Hospital, Elkhart.

In Rio Bravo, Mexico, on Dec. 29, 1941, he was born to Jose Maria and Paula (Quintanilia) Olivares. They preceded him in death.



Mr. Olivares

On April 10, 1960, in Rio Bravo, he married Guillermina Cervantes. She survives.

He was a farmer for Lord's Seed of Howe and a member of Brighton Chapel. He moved to Howe from Edinburg, Texas, in 1991.

Surviving in addition to his wife are three daughters, Rosa Maria Cisneros, Sturgis, Mich., Patricia Ochoa, Freeport, Texas, and Mictelia Jaramillo, Howe; four sons, Jose Omar Olivares Jr., Mission, Texas, Luis Alberto Olivares, Sturgis, Mich., Carlos Enrique Olivares, LaGrange, and Marco Antonio Olivares, Howe; three sisters, Yolanda Martinez, Edinburg, Texas, Maricela Hernandes, Salinas, Calif., and Raquel Olivares, Soledad, Calif.; one brother, Ramiro Olivares, Soledad, Calif.; and 15 grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at Brighton Chapel, Brighton, with the Rev. Rodney Schuler and Rafael Flores officiating. Cremation will follow the funeral services.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Brighton Chapel.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Ruthe Hadley

CLEAR LAKE — Ruthe Wheatley Hadley, 92, of Clear Lake, died Wednesday, March 14, 2001, at Blake Memorial Hospital, Bradenton, Fla.

Mrs. Hadley was a homemaker and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Fremont United Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star 229 of Ashley.

She was born May 5, 1908, in Cleveland to Thomas J. and Emma (Rand) Wheatley.

On July 14, 1930, she married Ralph Hadley in Cleveland. He died Jan. 4, 1984.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and George Close of Fremont, Ann and George Baird of Lakewood, Wash., and Alice and Ray Corwin of Portland, Ore.; 10 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held today at 2 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating. Burial will be in Lester Cemetery, Branch County, Mich.

Calling was from noon-2 p.m. today.

Memorials are to the church.

Bueford Paynter

CHURUBUSCO — Funeral arrangements are pending for Bueford "Joe" Paynter, 62, brother of former Churubusco resident Loretta England, who died at 8:40 a.m. Sunday, March 18, 2001, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He had been in declining health for some time, and had entered the hospital Thursday.

Among surviving relatives are his wife, Dolly, a daughter, Doreen Mounts, Mt. Prospect, Ill., and three stepsons, Bobby Sauseda, Tony McFall and Oliver McFall, all of Chicago.

Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, is in charge of arrangements.

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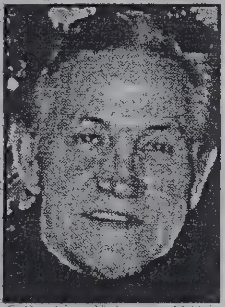
Bueford Paynter

CHURUBUSCO — Bueford "Joe" Paynter, 62, died at 8:40 a.m. Sunday, March 18, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. He entered the hospital Thursday and had been in declining health for some time.


Mr. Paynter

He spent his formative years in the Hensley, W.Va., area. As a young man he moved to Chicago, living there for 37 years until moving to this area in 1994. He was a roofing and plumbing contractor for most of his life until his retirement due to ill health in 1996.

He was born Oct. 29, 1937, in Hensley, W.Va., to Raymond R. and Bertha (Davis) Paynter. On June 17, 1967, he married Dolly Harris, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Doreen and Everett Mounts of Mount Prospect, Ill.; two stepsons, Tony McFall of Fort Wayne and Oliver McFall of Chicago; a sister, Loretta England, formerly of Churubusco and now of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Gail Roberts of Statesville, N.C.; and eight grandchildren, Everett Mounts II, Joe Culotta and Sindi and Caesar Mounts, all of Mount Prospect, Ill., Ronnie Shafer and Nicole Paynter, both of Chicago, Kevin Soludczyk of Columbus, Ohio, and Cody McFall of Fort Wayne.

A son, Gary Lee Paynter, preceded him in death Dec. 30, 1996.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Thomas Beers, Columbia City Church of the Nazarene pastor, officiating. Burial will be at South Park Cemetery Annex, Columbia City.

Calling is 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Roy Juday

HOWE — Roy K. Juday, 87, died at 2:40 p.m. Monday, March 19, 2001, at home in rural Howe.

He was a self-employed farmer who also worked for Olson Body, Sturgis, Mich. He was a member of Pretty Prairie United Methodist Church.

He was born June 7, 1914, in Elkhart County to Sanford and Christina (Abshire) Juday. On March 9, 1947, in Ligonier, he married Elizabeth Patton, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Dorothy Jones of Adrian, Mich., Margaret Cummins of Howe and Beverly Wiltshire of Ridgefield, Conn.; a son, John Juday of Howe; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A son, James Juday, and two brothers, Everett and Clifford Juday, preceded him in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe, with the Rev. Robert Paschka officiating. Burial will be at Pretty Prairie Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Services Held

TOPEKA — Funeral services for **Margaret Hoak Peck**, 96, of Topeka, were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 19, 2001, at Topeka Baptist Church with the Revs. Allen Holmes and Harold North officiating.

Burial was at Sloan Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Derek and Mark Sumpter, Ryan and Ehren Misner and Shawn Clark and Shawn Thomas.

Arrangements were by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home.

Miranda Kurtz

FORT WAYNE — Miranda Rose Kurtz was stillborn at 5:40 a.m. Monday, March 19, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was the daughter of John D. and Tina (Zern) Kurtz of rural Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending with Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Russell Claymiller

CHURUBUSCO — Russell V. Claymiller, 69, died at 2:30 a.m. today, March 20, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor, Wabash.

Among the Churubusco resident's survivors is a son, Jim Claymiller of Churubusco.

Arrangements are pending with Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

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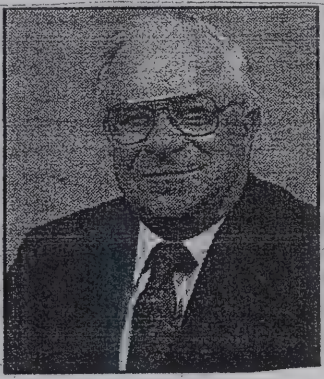
Walter L. Linvill

CHURUBUSCO - Walter L. Linvill, 82, widely-acquainted Smith Township farmer and a resident of rural Columbia City, died at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, March 15, 2001, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been a patient there since Saturday.

Mr. Linvill was born on December 15, 1918 in Smith Township in Whitley County, a son of Cleveland and Anna Kessie Linvill. He graduated from Churubusco High School, and was a lifelong resident of Smith Township.



On February 28, 1941 he was married in Columbia City to Lavon E. Barnhart. She preceded him in death on May 12, 1987.

A Smith Township farmer all of his life, retiring from active farming in 1983.

He was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church, and served on the board of trustees of Smith-Green Community Schools in Churubusco for many years.

Among the surviving relatives are two daughters and sons-in-law Arlene and Michael Shively of Churubusco, and Beverly and Joe Huntsman of rural Albion; and two sons and daughters-in-law Glen and Ann Linvill of rural Columbia City, and Roger and Karla Linvill of rural Albion; his special friend Theresia J. Aumsbaugh of Churubusco; and ten grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a sister Mildred Hazen; and by three brothers Lawrence Linvill, Marshall Linvill, and Herbert Linvill.

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 19, 2001, in the Churubusco United Methodist Church with Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of the church, officiating.

Interment was in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco was in charge of the arrangements.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Georgianna I. Thomas, 79

NORTH MANCHESTER-Georgianna I. Thomas, 79 died Sunday, March 18, 2001 at 4:52 p.m. in Wabash County Hospital, Wabash.

She was born on February 22, 1922 in Miami County, IN to Henry and Anna (Hoffman) Smith, they preceded her in death.

On July 6, 1948 she married William R. Thomas. He died on August 15, 1989. She was a homemaker. She attended Gilead High School and attended Center Chapel in Miami County.

Surviving are four sons: Gene Thomas of North Manchester; Lamoine "Moe" and Pat Thomas both of North Manchester, Dewayne and his wife Brenda Thomas also of North Manchester and Floyd Thomas of Lafontaine; one daughter Mrs. Terry (Loretta) Cox of North Manchester; one sister Miriam Honeywell of Churubusco; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

One brother preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, March 21, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester Chapel with the Rev. Don Fisher officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Servia.

Preferred memorials are to Wabash County Cancer Society.

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Miranda Kurtz

FORT WAYNE — Miranda Rose Kurtz was stillborn at 5:40 p.m. Monday, March 19, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her parents, John D. and Tina (Zern) Kurtz of rural Fort Wayne; a sister, Madelyn Kurtz, at home; her maternal grandparents, Donald and Janet Zern of Churubusco; her paternal grandparents, Kenneth and Marlene Kurtz of rural Fort Wayne; and two great-grandmothers, Ruth Cox of rural Fort Wayne and Lucille Kime of Defiance, Ohio.

Graveside services are 11 a.m. Friday at Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco, with the Rev. Ralph Easterhaus of St. John's Lutheran Church — Lake Township officiating.

There is no calling.

Arrangements are by Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

The following obituary is being reprinted to correct errors about the funeral service.

Roy Juday

HOWE — Roy K. Juday, 87, died at 2:40 p.m. Monday, March 19, 2001, at home in rural Howe.

He was a self-employed farmer who also worked for Olson Body, Sturgis, Mich. He was a member of Pretty Prairie United Methodist Church.

He was born June 7, 1914, in Elkhart County to Sanford and Christina (Abshire) Juday. On March 9, 1947, in Ligonier he married Elizabeth Patton, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Dorothy Jones of Adrian, Mich., Margaret Cummins of Howe and Beverly Wiltshire of Ridgefield, Conn.; a son, John Juday of Howe; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A son, James Juday, and two brothers, Everett and Clifford Juday, preceded him in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Pretty Prairie United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Robert Raschka officiating. Burial will be at Pretty Prairie Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe.

Russell Claymiller

CHURUBUSCO — Russell Vincent Claymiller, 69, died at 2:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 20, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor, Wabash, where he had been a patient since October.

He spent his formative years in Fort Wayne. As a young man he was employed at Grand Leader department store, Fort Wayne. He served in the U.S. Army in the Korean War and was awarded several commendations, including the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He was employed at GTE in Fort Wayne for several years, retiring in 1985 due to ill health. A former resident of Churubusco, he was a member of the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157, Churubusco Veterans of Foriegn Wars Turtle Post 3846 and the Disabled Veterans.

He was born March 19, 1932, in Fort Wayne to Charles and Nellie (Kayhoe) Claymiller.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James J. and Linda Claymiller of Churubusco; two daughters and a son-in-law, Denise and Roy Williams of New Haven and Rosie Smith of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Melvin H. and Robert Claymiller, both of Fort Wayne, and Bernard Claymiller of Payne, Ohio; and eight grandchildren.

A brother preceded him in death.

Services are 2 p.m. Thursday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, pastor emeritus, Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens with military graveside rites by Churubusco American Legion Post 157 and Churubusco VFW 3846.

Calling is from noon until services at the funeral home Thursday.

Gordon McCally

APOPKA, Fla. — Gordon N. McCally, 52, died Monday, March 19, 2001.

He was a wholesale mortgage marketing representative for Union Federal Bank. The Sturgis, Mich., native moved from Fort Wayne to central Florida in 1997.

Surviving are his wife, Denise McCally of Apopka; a son, Nicholas McCally of Apopka; a daughter, Madeline McCally of Apopka; a sister, Sarah Troyer of LaGrange; and a brother, Max McCally of Sun City Center, Fla.

Memorial services are 4 p.m. April 2 at Sanlando United Methodist Church, Longwood, Fla.

Memorials are to the church.

Arrangements are by Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home Forest City, Atamonte Springs, Fla.

Leah Smith

BLOOMINGTON — Leah L. Smith, 84, died Monday, March 19, 2001, in Bloomington.

The Kendallville native and former Fort Wayne resident was an art teacher in the Aboite Township elementary schools and at Homestead High School.

Surviving are her husband, Dallas F. Smith; two sons, Paul N. Smith of Santa Fe, Texas, and Marc S. Smith of Bloomington; two daughters, Gail A. Hamm of Fort Wayne and Rise L. Smith of Madison, S.D.; and eight grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Deremiah-Frye Mortuary Greene & Harrell Chapel, Bloomington, and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Elzey & Haggard.

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Stanley Voirol

NEY, Ohio — Stanley S. Voirol, 57, died Monday, March 19, 2001, at Community Hospitals of Williams County, Bryan, Ohio.

The Monroeville native was a CAD programmer at Tomco Plastics, Bryan.

Surviving are his wife, Evelyn Voirol; two sons, Brian Voirol of LaOtto and Stephen Voirol of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Michelle Weingart of Elkhart; two stepdaughters, Deborah Okuley of New Bavaria and Beverly Blosser of Defiance; his parents, Arthur and Maxine Voirol of Avilla; four brothers, Duane Voirol of Auburn, Dennis Voirol of Harlan, Tim Voirol of Spencerville and Terry Voirol of LaGrange; and nine grandchildren.

A stepson, Gary Boff, preceded him in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral Home, Defiance. Burial will be at Myers Cemetery, Defiance County.

Calling is 7-9 p.m. today and 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

Hugh Phillips

ASHLEY — Hugh Phillips, 72, died Monday, March 19, 2001, at 4:46 p.m. in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Indianapolis.

Mr. Phillips was a retired truck driver and lived in Ashley, moving there from Long Beach, Calif. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was born Nov. 5, 1928, in Detroit, Mich., to William and Ivy (Martin) Phillips.

Surviving him are two daughters, Shannon Phillips of Ashley and Robin Phillips of Long Beach; two sons, Scott Phillips of Milwaukee, Wis., and Bill Phillips of Port Huron, Mich.; and two grandchildren, Nicholas and Gregory Phillips.

One brother, Ronald Phillips, preceded him in death.

The family will have a time of remembrance and fellowship Saturday from 3-5 p.m. in Dillinger's Restaurant in Hudson.

Calling is Saturday from noon-3 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Mary Yoder

JAMESPORT, Mo. — Mary H. (Bender) Yoder, 85, died Monday, March 19, 2001, at home in Jamesport, Mo.

She was a homemaker who lived in Kalona, Iowa, and LaGrange, Ind., before moving to Daviess County, Mo., in 1953. She was raised in Exeland, Wis., and attended Amish parochial schools there. She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church at Jamesport.

She was born in Exeland, Wis., July 29, 1915, to Harvey and Anna (Miller) Bender. On Sept. 3, 1944, she married Harry W. Yoder, who preceded her in death March 6, 1989.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Esther Yoder, a son-in-law, Henry D. Yoder, a brother, David Bender, and two grandchildren.

Surviving are seven daughters, Annie Yoder of Bethany, Mo., Susie and Clara Yoder, both of Windsor, Mo., Katie Bontreger of Bloomfield, Iowa, Martha Bontrager of Harmony, Minn., and Rebecca Herschberger of Redding, Iowa; four sons, William and Leroy Yoder, both of Windsor, Mo., Harvey Yoder of Jamesport, Mo., and Albert Yoder of Mount Ayr, Iowa; three sisters, Lydia Swantz and Elva Bender, both of Kalona, Iowa, and Martha Stoddard of Wellman, Iowa; a brother, John Bender of Kalona, Iowa; 79 grandchildren; and 74 great-grandchildren.

Services are 9 a.m. Thursday at Ivan Ray Miller's residence, Jamesport, Mo. Burial will be at Meadow View Cemetery, Jamesport.

Arrangements are by Bram Funeral Home, Jamesport.

Esther Haviland

FREMONT — Esther Haviland, 93, died today, March 21, 2001, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

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Emma Yoder

KENDALLVILLE — Emma I. Yoder, 66, of Kendallville, died Thursday, March 22, 2001, in Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She had been ailing for six months, and had been hospitalized for three weeks.

On April 7, 1934, in LaGrange County, she was born to William and Margaret (Delagrange) Lengacher. In Goshen, on April 21, 1962, she married Marvin A. Yoder Sr. He preceded her in death on Dec. 17, 1992.

Mrs. Yoder

She had lived in the Kendallville area for over 30 years, moving from Ligonier. She had worked at Starcraft RV in Topeka, and retired from Eaton Corp. in Kendallville.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Marvin and Karen Yoder Jr. of LaOtto; a stepson, Michael Yoder of Tennessee; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Margie Meroney of Ligonier, Annette and Dan Royce of Bristol, and Dorothy "Dottie" and Ron Holden of Goshen.

A son, Bradford Lynn Yoder, a daughter, Sonia Rae Yoder, and five brothers, Edwin Lengacher, Laverne Lengacher, Alvin Lengacher, Richard Lengacher and William Lengacher Jr., preceded her in death.

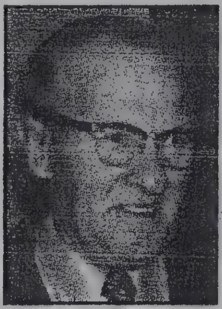
Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Dean Bearman of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday and at noon Saturday until the services.

Floyd Diffendarfer

CHURUBUSCO — Floyd Diffendarfer, 88, of Churubusco, died about 8 a.m. Wednesday, March 21, 2001, at home.

He owned Floyd's Vehicle Sales and owned and operated Floyd's Auto Sales for 30 years. He was a member of Charter Oak Community Church and a former member of the Quarter Horse Association.


Mr. Diffendarfer

He was born Dec. 16, 1912, in Noble County to Isaac and Sarah (Claxton) Diffendarfer. On July 4, 1968, in Huntington he married Arrena Leitch, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Rex and Jackie Diffendarfer of French Lick and Monte and Peggy Diffendarfer of Churubusco; two daughters and a son-in-law, Betty Zeedyk of Churubusco and Phyllis and Lee Lambert of Hollister, Fla.; two stepdaughters, Oneita Young and her husband, Dave Young, of Churubusco, and Valeria Hackman of Auburn; two stepbrothers, Jack Hill of LaOtto and Clark Hill of Baltimore, Md.; 15 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

A brother, Jesse Diffendarfer; a son-in-law, Calvin Zeedyk; a grandson, Randy Zeedyk; and a sister, Elaine Mangus, preceded him in death.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. George Cecil officating. Burial will be at Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. Friday and before services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice of Whitley County or Cornerstone Wesleyan Church.

Glova Spears

WHITE PIGEON, Mich. — Glova May Spears, 82, died at home in White Pigeon at 3:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 21, 2001.

She moved from Steuben County to LaGrange County in 1939. She retired in 1976 from the service department at Dometic Corp., LaGrange. the former Mongo resident was a member of South Milford Church of Christ and the LaGrange County AARP.

She was born Nov. 30, 1918, in Steuben County to Logan E. and Cinnie (Tritch) Parker. On June 29, 1939 in Salem Center she married John Wade Spears, who preceded her in death Sept. 23, 1988.

Two sisters and two brothers also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Bonnie Lung of Fort Wayne; a son, Jerry W. Spears of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Irene Gillespie of Angola, Dorothy Lockwood of Waterloo, Mary Lepley of Ashley and Ilah Notestine of Mongo; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Michael Booher officiating. Burial will be at East Springfield Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to South Milford Church of Christ, Willing Workers Senior Class or Sturgis Hospice, Sturgis, Mich.

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Esther Haviland

ANGOLA — Esther M. Haviland, 93, of Angola, died Wednesday, March 21, 2001, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Haviland was a homemaker and a member of the Angola Church of the Nazarene.

She was born Oct. 3, 1907, in St. Joseph County, Mich., to Albert and Bessie (Blackamore) Mosser.

She married Homer Haviland in 1933 in Noble County. He died Jan. 11, 1963.

Surviving are four daughters, Virginia Griffin of California, Louie Keiner of Fremont, Inez Haviland of Angola, and Clara Rinehart of Kendallville; a stepdaughter, Helen Stayner of Angola; three sons, Homer Haviland Jr. of Angola, Emory Haviland of Albany, Ga., and Francis Haviland of Sylvester, Ga.; 31 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchidren; two stepgrandchildren; and two sisters, Ocie Dunkel of Mongo and Margaret Shope of Manitowish Waters, Wis.

She was preceded in death by four sisters, two brothers, three sons, Arthur, Willis Jay and William Lee Haviland, and two grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Randy Marshall officiating. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is Friday from 6-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Orville Colfax

KENDALLVILLE — Orville C. Colfax, 82, died Wednesday, March 21, 2001, at 10:35 a.m. at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

He lived in Kendallville over 40 years. He worked for Tom's Body Shop in Kendallville until retiring in 1984. After retiring he worked part-time at the Kendallville Transportation Garage. He was a 50-year member of American Legion Post 214, LaGrange. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II from 1942-1945.

He was born Aug. 19, 1918 at Pleasant Lake to William and Ruth (Marchant) Colfax.

Surviving are a sister, Jean Secrest of Fort Wayne; a brother, Billy Colfax of Fort Wayne; a nephew, Leon Feller of Angola; and a niece, Grace Beltz of Fort Wayne.

Graveside services are at 11 a.m. Monday at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville, with the Rev. Walter Graeftin of Bluffton officiating. LaGrange American Legion Post 214 will conduct military color guard graveside services.

There is no visitation.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Welty

DUNEDIN, Fla. — Mary Lucile Welty, 88, died Sunday, March 18, 2001, at Manor Care of Dunedin in Dunedin, Fla.

She was a former resident of Howe, Frankfort and Huntington who moved to Dunedin in 1978. She was a homemaker and a member of First Christian Church, Clearwater, Fla.

She was born Aug. 10, 1912, in Muncie to Nathan I. and Clara (Stradling) Ebrite. On Feb. 9, 1940, she married John Albert Welty, who preceded her in death Dec. 6, 2000.

Surviving are four grandchildren, Elizabeth Talmage of Sunnyvale, Calif., Margaret Shortt of Rolling Prairie, Kathryn Gribben of Murphy, Texas and David Talmage of Perrysburg, Ohio;six great-grandchildren; and her twin sister, Lucy Dick of Dunedin.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Shirley Kay Talmage on Dec. 28, 1976; a brother and a sister.

Graveside services are at 3 p.m. Saturday at East Springfield Cemetery, LaGrange, with the Rev. Dexter Garman officating.

There is no visitation.

Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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Former Ligonier businessman Charles Tranter Sr. dies

VERO BEACH, Fla. — Charles James "Jim" Tranter Sr., 81, died Monday, March 19, 2001, after a prolonged illness in Vero Beach, Fla., at VNA Hospice House.

Mr. Tranter was born July 29, 1919, in Middletown, Ohio.

Mr. Tranter attended Marion Military Academy, Aurora, Ill., University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio, and Villanova University, Villanova, Ill.

During the war, Mr. Tranter worked as employment supervisor for Wright Aeronautical Corp., Cincinnati, Ohio. Following the war he became associated with the Sorg Paper Co., Middletown, Ohio, as personnel director. Over a 20-year period he became administrative vice president of Sorg Paper Co. He moved to Ligonier with his wife, LaVerne, in 1962 as president of Sorg Products Inc. During this period he was active in the National Association of Manufacturers as a seminar leader on long-range planning.

In 1964 he formed Royal Imprints Corp., Ligonier, which he sold in 1981 and retired to Vero Beach.

Mr. Tranter had a lifetime interest in boating and owned boats most of his life. He was a member of the Valley Yacht Club, Cincinnati, Ohio, past commodore of the Crow's Nest Yacht Club, Lake Wawasee; past commodore of the Vero Beach Power Squadron and a member of the Vero Beach Marine Commission where he served as chairman for 10 years. He was presently a member of the Vero Beach Yacht Club.

Mr. Tranter was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church.

Mr. Tranter is survived by his wife of 60 years, LaVerne; two sons and daughters-in-law, Charles James Jr. and Karen Tranter of Lake Wawasee, and Osprey, Fla., and John David and Linda Tranter of South Whitley, and Lake Webster; five grandchildren, Tamara, Patrick, Chadwick, Jennelle and Lisa; six great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Robert Davison Tranter of Middletown, Ohio, and G. Thomas Tranter of Elmira, N.Y.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary-Jane McShurley.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Vero Beach at 10 a.m. Saturday, where Mr. Tranter served as an usher for several years. Interment will be at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to VNA Hospice of Indian River County, 1111 36th St., Vero Beach, Fla. 32960.

Strunk Funeral Home, Vero Beach, is in charge of arrangements.

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Elizabeth Kojesky

ORANGE, Calif. — Elizabeth Dorothy (Seaman) Kojesky, 89, of Orange, Calif., died Tuesday, March 20, 2001, at Placentia Hospital, Placentia, Calif.

She was a former resident of the Howe area who also lived in Detroit and Redford Township, Mich., Bradenton, Fla. and Laguna Hills, Calif. She was a school secretary from 1947 to 1971 in Detroit and Redford Township. She was a member of the Catholic Church.

She was born Sept. 8, 1911, in Brighton in LaGrange County, to Thomas Earl and Edith M. (Sherman) Seaman. In 1938 in Plymouth she married Joseph Paul Kojesky, who preceded her in death Feb. 8, 1994.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary Ann Hahn of Orange, Calif.; three grandchildren, Albert and Gregory Hahn and Audrey Ferre; three great grandchildren, Daniel and Joshua Hahn and Jillian Ferre; a sister-in-law Sophie Hachtel of Bradenton, Fla.; a niece, Diann Smith of Gary; and two nephews, William Seaman of Howe and Richard Ogle of Michigan City.

Services are at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, LaGrange, with Father Paul Faroh officiating. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery, Howe.

Calling is 2-4 p.m. Sunday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

J. Lee Sage

CHURUBUSCO — J. Lee Sage, 84, died Wednesday, March 21, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Noble County native retired from International Harvester as a machinist after 47 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy in World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Marguerite Sage; two sisters, Lois White of Urbana, Ohio, and Billie Lue Klopfenstein of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and a grandchild.

A daughter, Rita Sage, preceded him in death.

Services are at 3 p.m. Saturday at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco. Burial will be at Riverview Cemetery near Churubusco, with military graveside services by Churubusco American Legion Post 157.

Calling is two hours before services at the funeral home.

Della Sloan

SYRACUSE — Della F. Sloan, 92, died Wednesday, March 21, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor, Syracuse.

The Noble County native retired in 1972 as owner of Wilmot Store.

Surviving are a daughter, Bernice Culberson of Hagerstown; a son, Warren Sloan of Syracuse; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Her husband, Charles Sloan, preceded her in death.

Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at Eastlund Funeral Homes — Harris Chapel, Syracuse. Burial will be at Salem Cemetery, Wilmot.

Calling is an hour before services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Salem Cemetery Association.

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Gerald D. Bailey

LAGRANGE — Gerald D. Bailey, 67, of 502 S. Townline Rd., LaGrange, died Thursday, March 22, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

On Nov. 26, 1933, in Knox County, Ky., he was born to Edward Bailey and Myrtle Hicks. He married Vera Manns in Kentucky on May 18,1953. She survives.

He was an assistant supervisor for the railroad, and attended New Freedom Baptist Church in LaGrange.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are: one brother, Rudolph Bailey, Van Wert, Ohio; two sisters, Mrs. Isadore (Mabel) Bradley, Kendallville, and Mrs. John (Geneva) Williams, Pennsylvania; and several nieces and nephews.

Five brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, March 26, 2001, at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Revs. Jennings Richie and Wade Sturdivant, officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday.

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Ruth Ann Howard

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth Ann Howard, 64, of Kendallville, died at 10 p.m. Thursday, March 22, 2001, at her residence.

Services are pending at Evarts Funeral Home in Evarts, Ky.

Local arrangements are by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Keith Mendenhall

KENDALLVILLE — Keith L. Mendenhall, 68, died at 12:40 a.m. Saturday, March 24, 2001, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center

He was born on Sept. 13, 1932, in Kendallville to Ernest L. and Grace S. (Hendricks) Mendenhall. On Feb. 12, 1956, he married Carolyn Amstutz in Kendallville. She preceded him in death on Sept. 6, 1989.

Mr. Mendenhall was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla and retired in 1996 as a machine operator from Zollner Corp. in Fort Wayne, after 34 years of service. He served in the Air Force during the Korean War.

He was member and past commander of American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville, Forty & Eight / V37, Fort Wayne, Moose Lodge 1301 in Kendallville and Eagles Lodge 2655 in Albion.

Surviving are two sons and daughter-in-laws, Mark and Rhonda Mendenhall and Matthew and Carrie Mendenhall, all of Kendallville; six daughters and five sons-in-law, Susan and Angelo Tse Tse, Rebecca and Larry Davis, Donna and Rex Allen and Maria and Jerry Rez all of Kendallville, Michelle and Leon Schrock of Wolcottville, and Paula Sibert of Rome City; 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a half brother and a son-in-law.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

April Graves and infant

GARRETT — April D. Graves, 18, and her premature infant died during pregnancy complications at 6:16 p.m. Friday, March 23, 2001, in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. Graves graduated from DeKalb High School in 2000. She was a homemaker and had resided in Garrett for two years.

She was born May 12, 1982, in Fort Wayne.

On Jan. 3, 1999, she married Rickie Graves in Auburn. He survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are her mother and stepfather, Lydia and Ron Leon of Garrett; her father and stepmother, Rod and Alaura Parrish of Auburn; a daughter, Caileigh J. Graves of Garrett; two brothers, Eric Leon of Garrett and Dustin Streets of Auburn; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Chasity and Ron Isley of Garrett, and Heather and Paul Sparkman of Avilla; a father-in-law and mother-in-law, Poco and Kathy Ruiz; a sister-in-law, Amber Ruiz; and five grandparents, Martha Curcio of Butler, Larry and Vera Leon of Auburn, Reginald Parrish of Angola, and Peggy Herndon of Fort Wayne.

A grandfather, Frank Curcio, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Nazarene Church in Garrett, with the Rev. David Farley officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery, Butler

Calling is Monday from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to a trust fund for Caileigh Graves at DeKalb Financial Credit Union, Garrett.

Lucile Bohnstedt

COLUMBIA CITY — Lucile E. Bohnstedt, 91, died at 8:40 a.m. Saturday, March 24, 2001, in The Oaks, where she had been a resident since December 1999.

Mrs. Bohnstedt was a homemaker, She was a member of the First Church of God in Columbia City.

She was born on Oct. 22, 1909, in Richland Township, Whitley County, to Ernest and Erma (Goodrich) Brown. Her childhood was spent in Richland Township, and she graduated from the Larwill High School in 1928.

On July 4, 1928, she married Clinton M. "Skinny" Bohnstedt. They spent most of their married life in the Larwill area, moving to Columbia City after Mr. Bohnstedt retired in 1973.He died May 8, 1994.

Surviving are two sons and two daughters-in-law, Gene and Martha Ann Bohnstedt of Churubusco, and Richard and Carolyn Bohnstedt of Milford; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Betty and Phil Goodrich of Wolf Lake, Bonnie and Tom Michael of Erdenheim, Pa., Colleen Ward of Fort Wayne, and Carol and Dale Thomas of West Branch, Iowa; two brothers, Lewis Brown of Columbia City and Eldon Brown of Liberty; 23 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Gloria Bohnstedt; two great-grandchildren, Ty Ward and Emily Shimkus; a brother, Walter Brown; and a sister, Fay Keefer.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Hubert E. Miller and the Rev. Christian Thomas, Mrs. Bohnstedt's grandson, officiating. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Larwill.

Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Whitley Home Health Care and Hospice.

Gordon McCally

LONGWOOD, Fla. — Gordon N. McCally, 52, of Apopka, Fla., died Monday, March 19, 2001.

Memorial services will be at 5 p.m. April 2 at Sanlando United Methodist Church, 1890 West State Road 434, Longwood, with the Rev. Waren Langer officiating.

Memorial are to Sanlando United Methodist Church, 1939 Boothe Circle, Longwood, Fla. 32750, or to the Gordon McCally Children Trust Fund, Farmers State Bank, 220 N. Detroit St., LaGrange.

Baldwin Fairchild Funeral Home in Alamonte Springs, Fla., is in charge of arrangements.

Martha Frey

ANGOLA — Martha L. Frey, 79, of Hudson, died Friday, March 23, 2001, in Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

She was a homemaker and member of the Steuben County Homemakers Club.

Mrs. Frey was born July 29, 1921, in Delphos, Ohio, to Harvey and Vera (Emerick) Hart. On May 4, 1946, she married Wayne D. Frey, and he survives.

Also surviving are a daugther, Penny Simpson of Albuquerque, N.M.; three sons, Steve Frey, Mike Frey and Sam Frey, all of Angola; two sisters, Margaret Jasmer of Tacoma, Wash., and Betty Martin of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and one great-granchild.

A brother, William Hart, preceded her in death.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Calling is one hour before services.

Aileen Little

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Aileen M. Little, 85, died Saturday, March 24, 2001, at 5:55 a.m. in the Fountain Manor Care Center at Hicksville, where she had been a resident since Oct. 21, 1998.

Mrs. Little formerly lived at 413 Spencerville St., Hicksville. She had worked at the Mentzer 5 and 10 Store and Syncro, both in Hicksville, and at the Blakeslee Canning Factory in Blakeslee, Ohio.

She graduated from Harlan High School in Indiana with the class of 1933. She was a member of the Hicksville Gospel Tabernacle and the Oriental Mission Society.

She was born Sept. 13, 1915, at Antwerp, Ohio, to Guy and Ethel Seslar Boylan.

On Feb. 13, 1943, in Ossian, she married Frank Little. He died Feb. 18, 1969.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and B.J. Yoder of Hicksville; a son, Jim Little of Delaware, Ohio; six grandchildren and five great-granddaughters; two brothers, LaVon Boylan of Leesburg, Fla., and Lester Boylan of Auburn; and one sister, Ruth Nusbaum of Spencerville.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home at Hicksville. Pastor Bud Yoder and Pastor Thad Ford will officiate. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery of Allen County, Ind.

Calling is today from 3-5 p.m., Monday from 2-9 p.m. and Tuesday from 9-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Gideons International or the Fountain Manor Activity Department.

Richard Sherrick

KENDALLVILLE — Richard L. Sherrick, 72, of Kendallville, died at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, March 24, 2001, in his residence. He had been ill since December.

Mr. Sherrick was a police officer, retiring in 1986 from the Hunting Valley, Ohio, police department. Prior to that he had worked for the East Cleveland, Ohio, police department.

He was a Navy veteran, a member of the Avilla American Legion Post 240, and a member of the Fraternal Order of Police.

He was born July 24, 1928, in Garrett to Wayne and Eunice (Smith) Sherrick.

On Sept. 18, 1974, he married Bonnie Scribner in Willoughby, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are five sons and two daughters-in-law, Robert Sherrick of Akron, Ohio, Dan and Chris Sherrick of Canton, Ohio, David and Vicki Sherrick of Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio, Jim Sherrick of East Lake, Ohio, and Rick Sherrick of New York City; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

There will be no local visitation or services. A memorial service will take place at a later date in Ohio.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

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Ora Pepple

FORT WAYNE — Ora M. Pepple, 92, of Fort Wayne, died at 3:45 p.m. Friday, March 23, 2001, in University Park Nursing Center of Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Pepple was a homemaker and a member of Agape Church of the Brethren.

She was born on Jan. 8, 1909, in Edmon County, Kentucky to Samuel and Lucinda (Hagen) Gibson.

On Sept. 20, 1928, in Noble County she married Arlo E. Pepple. He died Jan. 31, 1977.

Surviving are three daughters, Esther Zern of Huntertown, Bertha Bitzer of Andrews, and Sandra Charvat of Spencerville; two sons, Albert Pepple of Fort Wayne and Roy Pepple of Sedalia, Colo.; 17 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, six great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Carol Joan Pepple; four sisters, four brothers, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Monday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Keith Simmons officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Huntertown.

Calling is today from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., and one hour before service Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice of Fort Wayne.

Betty Gray

AUBURN — Betty Jean Gray, 75, died Friday, March 23, 2001, at 2:20 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home at Auburn.

She was a secretary and a former employee of the American Association of Retired Persons, American United Life and Moore Business Forms of Angola.

Her memberships included the Order of the Amaranth at Indianapolis and Order of Eastern Star Chapter 78, Angola.

She was born Nov. 15, 1925, in Auburn to Harold and Ruth (Schlink) Taylor.

Surviving her a a son and daughter-in-law, John E. and Becky Gray of Snellsville, Ga.; two grandchildren, John T. Gray and Katherine J. Gray; and a great-grandson, Jordan T. Gray.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. John Hostetter will officiate. Interment will be in the mausoleum at Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Eastern Star Chapter 78 will conduct a service at 1:30 p.m.

Memorials are the the Lebanon Koala Association.

Thomas Howell

LIGONIER — Thomas Howell, 42, of Cromwell died at 8:22 a.m. Saturday, March 24, 2001, in the emergency room at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw, where he was taken by ambulance after collapsing.

Survivors include his wife, his mother, and three sisters.

Services are pending at Ulry-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **Emma I. Yoder** were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 24, 2001, at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home. The Rev. Dean Bearman officiated and burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Mike Lengacher, Richard Yoder, Loren Miller, Mark Royce, Brian Lehman and Doug Slabaugh.

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Ray Warren

CROMWELL — Ray Edward (England) Warren, 31, died Friday, March 23, 2001, at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

The Bremen native worked in the maintenance department at Lex Dalton Co., Milford.

Surviving are his wife, Paula Warren; a daughter, Abigail Warren, at home; two sons, Aaron and Andrew, both at home; his parents, Cletus and Mary England of Milford; a brother, Terry Warren of Warsaw; and his grandmothers, Pearl Avalos of Milford and Edna England of West Virginia.

Three of his children preceded him in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Eastlund Funeral Home Mishler Chapel, Milford. Burial will be at Milford Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Richard Kelsey

GRANGER — Richard J. Kelsey, 51, died at 6:55 p.m. Saturday, March 24, 2001, after an illness.

He was formerly an X-ray technician at Goshen Hospital.

He was born June 29, 1949, in Goshen. On Aug. 1, 1987, in South Bend, he married Rebecca A. Smith, who survives.

Also surviving are his mother, Laura Louise Nichols of Albion; three sons, Brian Kelsey of Niles, Mich., Todd Kelsey of Elkhart and Brandon Kelsey of Goshen; a stepson, Joshua Greenway of Granger; two stepdaughters, Carrie Podell of Goshen and Stephanie Banik of South Bend; a brother, Adam Nichols of Albion; two sisters, Barbara Bradley of South Bend and Deborah Kelsey of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren.

Tribute services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Bubb Funeral Chapel North, Mishawaka, led by the South Bend-Mishawaka Valleyaires Barbershop Chorus. Burial will be at St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park, Granger.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the National Kidney Foundation.

Thomas Howell

CROMWELL — Thomas Dudley Howell, 42, died at 8:22 a.m. Saturday, March 24, 2001 at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw. He had collapsed at a work site.

The lifetime Cromwell resident was an independent construction contractor. Before that he worked for Cromwell Lumber Co. for several years. He was a member of Stone's Hill Community Church and was an avid White Sox fan.

He was born Feb. 24, 1959, in Goshen to Mack and MaryLou (Mawhorter) Howell. His mother survives in Cromwell. His father preceded him in death.

On Dec. 15, 1990, in North Webster Church of God, he married Nancy Vanator, who survives in Cromwell.

Also surviving are three sisters and brothers-in-law, LuAnn and Gary Davis and Mary and Robert Wysong, all of Cromwell, and Dixie and Tony Kreager of Ligonier; four nieces; three nephews; and a great-nephew.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Stone's Hill Community Church, with the Rev. Charlie Arms officiating. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Stone's Hill Community Church building fund.

Arrangements are by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Dana Smith

WATERLOO — Dana S. Smith, 60, died Saturday, March 24, 2001, at 8:30 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and former employee of Magnavox in Auburn. She was recently a counselor with foster children. She was a member of Windfire Ministries in Garrett. She lived on County Road 28, Waterloo.

She was born Nov. 16, 1940, in Auburn to John and Wava (Schmidt) Brandon. Her mother survives in Angola and her father preceded her in death.

She married Dale A. Smith on Feb. 14, 1960, in the Cedar Lake Church of Christ, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Duane Smith of London, England, and Doug Smith of Fort Wayne; two foster daughters, Lisa Mauldin and Amy Bishop, both of Kendallville; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Larry and Peggy Brandon of Galveston, Ind., Tim and Lori Brandon of LaOtto, and John Brandon of Waterloo; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Nancy and Harry Fike of Angola, and Barbara and David Alt of South Bend; a sister-in-law, LuAnne Brandon of Corunna; three foster grandchildren, Tara Mauldin, and Cody and Zach Bishop; 12 nieces and nephews, and 10 grandnieces and grandnephews.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Calvary Chapel Worship Center, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Rodney Buzzard and Pastor Yvonne Brown will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to Calvary Chapel Worship Center or Windfire Ministries.

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Phyllis Wells

LIGONIER — Phyllis J. Wells, 71, died at 2:45 p.m. Friday, March 23, 2001, at home in Ligonier.

She was a homemaker and former Albion resident. She graduated from Albion High School in 1947.

She was born Aug. 31, 1929, in Kimmell to Lyman O. and Edna (Firestone) Johnson. On Oct. 14, 1961, in Butler, she married Harry Wells, who preceded her in death June 1, 1989.

A sister, Barbara Ellen Johnson, and a brother, Richard Johnson, preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Cathy Wells of Gloucester, Mass.; two sisters, Roberta Fisher of Ligonier and Lucy Weeks of Albion; two brothers, Robert and Paul Johnson, both of Albion; two grandsons; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are 7 p.m. Tuesday at Orr Funeral Home, Albion. Cremation will follow. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell, at a later date.

Calling is 3 p.m. until services Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to LaGrange Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Baby boy Yoder

GOSHEN — Baby boy Yoder was stillborn at 7:32 p.m. Saturday, March 24, 2001 at Goshen General Hospital.

His parents, Marvin H. and Etta Fern (Bontrager) Yoder, survive in Goshen. They are members of the Old Order Amish Church.

Also surviving are six sisters, LeAnna, Elnora, Rosetta, Eva and Lorraine Yoder, all at home, and Louise Miller of Middlebury; three brothers, Christy, Phillip and Steven Yoder, all at home; and three grandparents, Mahlon and Edna Bontrager of Middlebury and Mary Yoder of Goshen.

Two grandparents, Henry Yoder and Lydia Mae Bontrager, preceded him in death.

Services are 2 p.m. today at the family residence, 62137 C.R. 33, Goshen, with Bishop Simon Schmucker of the Old Order Amish Church officiating. Burial will be at Nisley Cemetery, Goshen.

Joseph Tullis Jr.

FORT WAYNE — Joseph H. Tullis Jr., 40, died Saturday, March 24, 2001, at his home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Tullis had been a machinist for L&L Fittings for more than 16 years. He was an avid and experienced artist.

He was born June 18, 1960, in Lima, Ohio, to Joseph H. Tullis Sr. and Martha A. Tullis. They survive in Van Wert, Ohio.

Also surviving are his life partner of 18 years, Denny Baker of Fort Wayne; a brother, John Tullis of Rockford, Ohio; a sister, Kathy Shrider of Rockford, Ohio; Denny Baker's daughter, Heather Thorndyke of Topeka, and her two sons; four nieces and two nephews.

A memorial service will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, 6424 Winchester Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Thursday from 6-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care and Hospice or the Tullis family.

Dewan Kilburn

FORT WAYNE — Dewan Z. Kilburn, 61, died Sunday, March 25, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Jackson, Ky., native was a self-employed roofer.

Surviving are two daughters, Deanna Logan and Michelle Kilburn Rowe, both of Kendallville; two stepsons, Dallas Shanks of Fort Wayne and Michael Shanks of Richmond, Ky.; four brothers, Charles Atkinson of Fort Wayne and Robert, Roger Neil and Kenneth Atkinson, all of Lexington, Ky.; a companion, Francis Dalton; his former wife, Anna Kilburn King; 12 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

A stepdaughter preceded him in death.

Services are 8 p.m. today at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St. Burial arrangements are pending.

Calling is five hours before services at the funeral home.

The following obituary is being reprinted to correct errors.

Ray Warren

CROMWELL — Ray Edward (England) Warren, 31, died at 11:05 p.m. Saturday, March 24, 2001, at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

The Bremen native worked in the maintenance department at Lex Dalton Co., Milford.

Surviving are his wife, Paula Warren; a daughter, Abigail Warren, at home; two sons, Aaron and Andrew, both at home; his parents, Cletus and Mary England of Milford; a brother, Terry (England) Warren of Warsaw; a sister, Peggy Hamilton of Milford; and his grandmothers, Pearl Avalos of Milford and Edna England of West Virginia.

A sister and three of his children preceded him in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Eastlund Funeral Home Mishler Chapel, Milford. Burial will be at Milford Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

ALBION NEW ERA March 27, 2002

Nina Sowles, 94

LAGRANGE-Nina Sowles, 94, died Thursday, March 21, 2002, at 3:50 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor at LaGrange.

Mrs. Sowles was a homemaker and a member of the LaGrange Baptist Church.

She was born Oct. 14, 1907, in Hamilton to George B. and Sarah J. (Albright) Collins.

She married Jay E. Sowles on Dec. 6, 1924, in Coldwater, Mich. He died July 1, 1965.

Surviving are five sons, Leon Sowles, Eugene Sowles and Lloyd Sowles, all of Tahlequah, Okla., Ronald P. Sowles of Albion and Donald W. Sowles of Garrett; three daughters, Betty Jane Sauders of New Haven, Sandra Curtis of LaGrange and Diana Strong of Atlanta, Ga.; 21 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one grandchild, five brothers and three sisters.

Services were held on Monday, March 25, 2002 at Fuller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Jeff Farnham officiating. Burial was in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Baptist Church.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to: sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Dorie Gillespie

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Dorie Delano "T" Gillespie, 32, died Thursday, March 21, 2002, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Formerly of Fort Wayne, he was enlisted in the U. S. Air Force.

Surviving are his parents, Rosa Jean and Dorie Gillespie of Fort Wayne; five brothers, Charles "Bubba" Outlaw of Seattle, Marc and Ricky Outlaw and Dedrick Gillespie, all of Fort Wayne, and Jerry Outlaw of Albion; a sister, Kathy Young of Fort Wayne; and his grandmothers, Zelma Gillespie of Fort Wayne and Rosie Batson of Woodlawn, Tenn.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 28, 2002 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. Burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be one hour prior to services at the church and from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Carmichael Funeral Service.

Dale H. Weber

ALBION-Dale H. Weber, 82, died at 8:10 pm on Tuesday, March 19, 2002 at Parkview Noble in Kendallville.

He was born on Feb. 19, 1920 in Albion to Rollie and Cleo (Huntsman) Weber, both deceased.

On November 19, 1942 at Wolf Lake Baptist Church in Wolf Lake he married Betty (Fuller) Weber. She preceded him in death on Dec. 26, 1999.

Dale was a Northern Indiana Fuel & Light service man for 15 years retiring in 1975 and formerly of Weber Bros. Plumbing. He had lived in the Albion community all of his life. Dale was a WWII U. S. Army veteran; attended Berean Baptist Church in Albion; former Albion Twp Trustee; former Albion-Jefferson School Board member; former member of Burr Oak Baptist Church and former of First Baptist Church in Kendallville; umpired local baseball for 20 years; volunteer Albion Basketball coach for 10 years; and 1996 Chain of Lake Grand Marshal.

Surviving are two sons, Barry Weber of Bloomington Minnesota and Kent Weber of Ft. Wayne; five grandchildren; two sisters, Daisy Winebrenner and Eva Weber both of Albion.

He was preceded in death by two brothers Calvin and Elton Weber.

Services were held on Saturday, March 23, 2002 at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion with the Rev. Doug Keenan officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Preferred memorials are to Berean Baptist Church in Albion.

Frank Reed

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA, Calif.- Frank L. Reed, 81, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2002 at Beverly Health Manor, Luguna Hills, Calif., of respiratory failure.

He was a retired postal clerk. He worked as a clerk for 25 years. He was a Technician Third Grade in the U. S. Army from 1940-1945. He earned two stars in the first Battle of Germany in World War II.

Mr. Reed was born in Kendallville in 1920 to Frank and Jessie Reed. He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1937.

He married Gloria F. Reed. She died in 1965.

Surviving are two sons, Dennis Reed and Tim Reed both of Washington Terrace, Utah; three daughters, Judy Kemp of Fort Wayne, Gloria Reed of Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif; two sisters, Connie Evers of Kendallville and Nancy Halferty of Albion; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

A memorial graveside service will be scheduled for a later date in Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the National Parkinson's Foundation.

William L. Cook

ALBION-William L. Cook, 70, died of natural causes at his residence in Autumn Hills, Albion on Sunday, March 17, 2002.

He was born on July 31, 1931 in Brilliant, Alabama to Troy Monroe and Mabel Viola (Jenkins) Cook. Mr. Cook had lived in the Albion area since 1992 coming from Clearwater, FL. He operated Cook's Corner, which was a convenience store located in the Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Clearwater, Florida. He served in the US Navy. He was a very active member of the Albion Fraternal Order of Eagles.

He married Charlotte (Norris) Cook on June 17, 1966 in Lansing Michigan. She preceded him in death in 1997.

He is survived by two sons, Mark Cook of Monroe Michigan and Kurtis Cook whereabouts unknown; two daughters, Christina and her husband Randy Kirkpatrick of Ligonier; Lynn and her husband Joe Dassow of Phillips, Wisconsin; one brother James Cook of Fallbrook California; two sisters, Polly Walsh of South Lyons, Michigan and Mary Schang of Brighton, Michigan; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death in addition to his wife were two brothers, Bud and Troy and a sister Robbie O'Hara.

There will be no visitation. Cremation will take place and a graveside committal service was held on Monday, March 25 in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange. Arrangements by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Preferred memorials are to Albion Fraternal Order of Eagles, 111 West Hazel, Albion, IN 46701.

The News-Sun, Wed., March 28, 2001

Patricia Wolf, former Noble County GOP official, dies at 64

KIMMELL — Former Noble County Republican Committee vice chairwoman Patricia R. Wolf, 64, died at 9:50 a.m. Tuesday, March 27, 2001, at Kingston Health Care Center of Ligonier.

According to former Noble County Republican chairman Lewis Moser, Wolf served as vice chairwoman for about 14 years, and was good at it. "I had good working relations with her," he said. "She worked hard for the party."

Moser was saddened to learn of Wolf's passing. "I was just sorry to hear that," he said.

Wolf, an Olen High School graduate, was a Kimmell resident. She retired as office manager of the Albion License Bureau.

Moser said Wolf was the secretary for the 4th District Republican Committee, and had worked at the Ligonier License Bureau before working in Albion.

Wolf was district secretary of ARBA and a member of the Noble County Rabbit Club and Sparta United Church of Christ. She received two Sagamore of the Wabash awards, one from Gov. Robert Orr and one from Gov. Otis Bowen.

She was born Nov. 3, 1936, in Otsego Township near Hamilton to Vernon Wilbur Clark Sr. and Lena Ethel (McConnell) Clark.

Surviving are a daughter, Charisse Wolf of Ligonier; a son, Sheldon Wolf of Montana; two brothers, Jack Clark of Spring Hope, N.C., and Robert Clark of Hudson; three sisters, Josephine Brock of Pleasant Lake, Inez Boffey of Seattle, Wash., and Bonnie Pierce of Fremont; a grandson, Dirk Wolf of Ligonier; her ex-husband, Harold Wolf of Kimmell; and several nieces and nephews.

A brother, Vernon Clark, and a sister, Louise Clark, preceded her in death.

Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sparta United Church of Christ with the Rev. Lynn Bartling officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery.

Calling is from 3-8 p.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, and Saturday at the church from 10 a.m. until services.

Memorials are to the church, the Alzheimer's Association or the family.

Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

John Wilks, auto museum executive director, dies at 57

FORT WAYNE — John R. Wilks, 57, executive director of NATMUS in Auburn, died unexpectedly Tuesday.

Wilks came to the National Automotive and Truck Museum of the United States in May 2000 after a 30-year career as an attorney in Fort Wayne. He was a past president of the Fort Wayne-Allen County Historical Society and Fort Wayne Zoological Society.

Services are pending at Klaehn, Fahl and Melton Funeral Home, 420 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne.

A complete obituary is expected for Thursday's edition.

The News-Sun, Thurs., March 29, 2001,

Gertrude Ramsby

LAGRANGE — Gertrude Ramsby, 83, died at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 27, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, LaGrange.

She was a homemaker who worked for Bell Manufacturing, Columbia City, for three years. She graduated from Mentone High School in 1936.

She was born Oct. 7, 1917, in Kosciusko County to George and Rose (Mannen) Hepshir. On Dec. 14, 1940, in Columbia City, she married Logan C. Ramsby, who preceded her in death in 1991.

Surviving are a brother, Jim Hepshir of Wabash, and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services are 1 p.m. Friday at Salem Cemetery, Ind. 5 north of Ligonier, with the Rev. Burkett Smith officiating.

Arrangements are by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Edmond Cramar

CHURUBUSCO — Edmond L. Cramar, 81, died at 12:20 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, 2001, at Kingston Care Center, Fort Wayne. He was in declining health for four months.

He was a resident of Churubusco.

Among survivors is a son, Merl Cramar of Los Angeles.

His wife, Ida (Pressler) Cramar, preceded him in death Nov. 28, 1983.

Arrangements are pending with Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Linda Spurling

CROMWELL — Linda K. Spurling, 52, died at 10:01 a.m. Tuesday, March 27, 2001, at Vencor Hospital — LaGrange.

The Ligonier High School graduate attended North Webster Church of God and was an inspector for Silgan Plastics Corp., Ligonier.

She was born Oct. 15, 1948, in Fort Wayne to Eldon Richard and Alice Avanette (Smith) Bechtold, who preceded her in death. On Aug. 10, 1968 in Ligonier she married Thomas Spurling, who survives in Cromwell.

Also surviving are a daughter, Christy Evan of Columbia City; a son and daughter-in-law, Craig and Rhonda Spurling of Elkhart; a brother, Richard Bechtold of Ligonier; two grandsons; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death was a brother, Sandy Bechtold.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with Pastors Ray Moss and Paul Rigel officiating. Burial will be at Syracuse Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 5-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Jay Snell

AVILLA — Jay M. Snell, 88, died at 3:31 a.m. today, March 29, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

M. June Holmes

CORUNNA — M. June Holmes, 79, died today, March 29, 2001, at 1:40 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Holmes formerly worked in the DeKalb Middle School cafeteria, retiring in 1978. She lived in Corunna and was a member of the Corunna Community Church.

She was born Feb. 14, 1922, in Helmer to Howard and Ava (Freed) Krum.

She married Harry Holmes on June 10, 1941, in Garrett. He died May 6, 1980.

Surviving her are two sons, Marty Holmes of Corunna and Neal Holmes of Kokomo; one daughter, Julia A. Grate of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Betty McKeever of Kendallville, Theda Neukom of Garrett and Roma Ludwig of Granger; and four grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

Services Held

CROMWELL — Funeral services for **Thomas Dudley Howell**, 42, of Cromwell, were held at Stone's Hill Community Church at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday with the Rev. Charlie Arms officiating.

Burial was in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Pallbearers were Gary and Matt Davis, Tony and Lee Kreager, Bob Wysong and Randy Miller.

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Polly Bontrager

MIDDLEBURY — Polly W. Bontrager, 62, died at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 28, 2001, at home in rural Middlebury. She was in declining health since July.

She was a homemaker who lived all her life on the same property. She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Jan. 5, 1939, in LaGrange County to William J. and Anna (Miller) Miller. On Jan. 4, 1962, in Middlebury, she married Amos L. Bontrager, who preceded her in death June 7, 1996.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Wilma Miller, in 1939.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Edith Bontrager, and Anna Marie and Marlin Miller, all of Middlebury; four sons and three daughters-in-law, David and Mary Ellen Bontrager, LaVern and Arlene Bontrager, Christie and LouAnn Bontrager and Glen Bontrager, all of Middlebury; three brothers, Christ and Ernest Miller, both of Phoenix, Ariz., and Freeman Miller of LaGrange; and 16 grandchildren.

Services will be 9:30 a.m. Saturday at her homestead across the street from her most recent residence of 0050S—1100W, Middlebury, with Bishop Amos Bontrager and home ministers officiating. Burial will be at Bontrager Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling is after 2 p.m. Thursday and all day Friday at her residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

The News-Sun, Fri., March 30, 2001,

Ruby Raber

AVILLA — Ruby M. Raber, 80, died suddenly at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, March 29, 2001, at home.

She graduated in 1938 from Chester High School, North Manchester. She lived in Avilla about a year, having moved there from Kendallville, where she had lived since 1953. She is also a former resident of Bippus. She was a homemaker.

She was born in Wabash County July 25, 1920, to Walter and Dora (Rupley) Biehl. On Nov. 25, 1939, in North Manchester, she married Glenn E. Raber, who preceded her in death Feb. 11, 1995.

Also preceding her in death were two sisters, Audra M. Koch and Donita Marie Biehl.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Dennis Gerber of Kendallville; two grandsons, Michael Gerber of Kendallville and Scott Gerber of Albion; and five great-grandchildren, Eric, Ryan and Justin Gerber and Cassandra and Katrina Broom.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. James Toole of Faith United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Jay Snell

AVILLA — Jay M. Snell, 88, died at 3:31 a.m. Thursday, March 29, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a farmer and drove a bus for East Noble School Corp. for 30 years. He was a lifetime Noble County resident.

He was born March 20, 1913, in Green Township, Noble County, to Jacob M. and Utokie (Ragan) Snell.

On July 7, 1932, he married Pauline Brindle, who preceded him in death in 1974. On Aug. 2, 1975, he married Mary E. (Gray) Turner, who survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are two sons, Donn H. Snell of Hicksville, Ohio, and Robert J. Snell of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Bruce J. Turner of Indianapolis; four sisters, Hazel Schaefer of Garrett, Stella Henning of Monroe, Mich., Edna Herendeen of Albion and Jessie Scheurich of Churubusco; two grandchildren, Kinloy Jay and Brent B. Snell; two stepgrandchildren, Marcus and Molly Turner; two great-grandchildren; four stepgreat-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Also preceding him in death were two brothers, Virgil and Herbert Snell.

Services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with the Rev. Lois Watkins and the Rev. Ken Robinson officiating. Burial will be at Perry Township, Huntertown.

Calling is at the funeral home from 3-7 p.m. today and an hour before services Saturday.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Avilla.

Florence Trostel

BUTLER — Florence W. Trostel, 82, died Thursday, March 29, 2001, at 5:15 a.m. in Select Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Trostel had worked at Universal Tool & Stamping in Butler, retiring in 1983. She lived in Butler and was a member of the Butler Church of Christ.

She was born May 17, 1918, in Allen County to Harry L. and Edna (Zuber) Worden.

She married Dale W. Trostel on Oct. 30, 1937, in Hicksville, Ohio. He died Aug. 1, 1986.

Surviving her are one son, Jerry D. Trostel of Avilla; two brothers, Calvin Worden and Charles Worden, both of Hicksville; two sisters, Rose Hart of Harlan and Garnet McCoy of Defiance, Ohio; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Frank E. Weller of the Butler Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, Newville.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler Church of Christ.

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Edmond Cramar

CHURUBUSCO — Edmond L. Cramar, 81, of Churubusco, died Wednesday, March 28, 2001, at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cramar worked for International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 25 years, and later worked for Maumee Truck Leasing. He also worked as a truck mechanic of Allen Dairy in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1975 after 12 years service.

Mr. Cramar

A World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, he belonged to Churubusco Lodge 514 of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Mizpah Shrine in Fort Wayne and the White Shrine of Jerusalem Faith 29 in Fort Wayne. He was a founder of the Churubusco Little League program and a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

He was born May 24, 1919, in Columbia City to John William and Ada (Haines) Cramar, and graduated from Columbia City High School in 1939. On Aug. 16, 1942, he married Ida E. Pressler in Churubusco, where he spent his adult life. His wife preceded him in death on Nov. 28, 1983. His parents, three brothers and three sisters also preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son, Merle E. Cramar of Simi Valley, Calif.; and three grandchildren, Natalie A.A., Matthew A.S. and Mark W.A. Cramar, all of Simi Valley.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Dale Henderson of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2-7 p.m. in the funeral home. Churubusco Lodge 515 F&AM will conduct memorial services at 5 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home, followed by memorial services by the White Shrine of Jerusalem Faith 29.

Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery, Noble County. Memorials are to the Churubusco Little League.

Phyllis Lott

ANGOLA — Phyllis Meyer Lott, 73, of Angola, died Thursday, March 29, 2001, at 4:50 a.m. at Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

Mrs. Lott was a 1946 graduate of North Side High School, Fort Wayne, and attended training at Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago.

On Sept. 14, 1974, in Fort Wayne, she married the Rev. Carl R. Lott. He survives at home.

She and her husband served United Methodist Churches in the northeast Indiana communities of Atwood, Clemette, Helmer, Flint, Newville, Mount Pleasant, Andrews, Bippus, Orland and Nevada Mills.

She was a 52-year member of the First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne, and a member of the Angola United Methodist Church. She was a member of Pi Omicron Sorority.

Mrs. Lott retired from Indiana & Michigan Power Co. in 1990. After retiring, she was president of the Joyce Elliot Circle of the Angola United Methodist Church and a district officer of the Fort Wayne District United Methodist Women. She also was a court-appointed special advocate for Steuben County and northeast Indiana.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Natasha H.S. Olds III of Fort Wayne; a sister, Barbara Meyer Brownell of Topeka, Kan.; a brother, James E. Meyer of Los Angeles; and two grandchildren, James H.S. Olds IV and Virginia Susan Olds.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Angola United Methodist Church with Dr. Norman Glassburn and the Rev. John Stephen Park officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Calling is Monday from 1-4 and 6-9 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, and one hour before services at the church.

Memorials are to Angola United Methodist Church, Northeast Indiana CASA, First Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne Music Service and Covenant House, New York.

Kenneth Lindley

SOUTH BEND — Kenneth R. Lindley, 41, of South Bend and formerly of LaGrange and Kendallville, died Wednesday, March 28, 2001, at 11 p.m. at his home.

Mr. Lindley was a missionary and a graduate of the University of Indianapolis and United Theological Seminary, where he earned a Masters of Divinity degree. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

He was born Dec. 17, 1959 in Greenfield, Ind., to the Rev. C. Howard and Barbara (Blount) Lindley. He lived in South Bend since December, 1977, after moving there from Elkhart. On Aug. 22, 1991, in Elkhart, he married Barbara Kasten, and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Marie Louise, Megan Lorraine and Kendell Rose, all at home; a son, Michael Laurence, at home; his parents, of Ontario, Ind.; two brothers, James Edward (Un Hui) Lindley of Belleville, Ill., and John Howard (Meda) Lindley of Shaumburg, Ill.; and four nieces and a nephew, Lovina, Beth, Mary, Andi and Jake Lindley.

A son, Kenneth, and a twin brother, David, preceded him in death.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Bend, with the Rev. Michael Mathews C.S.C. officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Welsheimer Funeral Home in South Bend. A parish rosary will be recited at 5:30 p.m.

Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in South Bend.

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Shannon Cooley

FORT WAYNE — Shannon K. Sabelhaus Cooley, 32, died Thursday, March 29, 2001, at home.

Born in LaGrange, she was an assistant accountant at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum for four years. She was a member of Huntertown United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Gary, of Fort Wayne; her mother and stepfather, Laverne P. and Norman Kolin of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Paul K. Sabelhaus, Jr., of Wolcottville and Donald C. Sabelhaus of LaGrange; a sister, Mary C. Button of Sturgis, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

Her father, Paul K. Sabelhaus, preceded her in death in 1981.

A memorial service will be conducted April 7 at 2 p.m. at Huntertown United Methodist Church, 16021 Lima Road. Calling will be one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice or Huntertown United Methodist Church.

Services Held

AVILLA — Services for Keith L. Mendenhall were held Tuesday, March 27, 2001 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, with Father Bill Kummer officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla. Casket bearers were Richard, Kenneth and Michael Amstutz, Gary Bennett, Larry Davis and Pete Martin. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

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Richard Wilder

ANGOLA — Richard Collins Wilder, 85, of Angola, died Saturday, March 31, 2001, at his home.

On Aug. 31, 1915, he was born to Harry E. and Alice (Collins) Wilder. He married Frances (King) Wilder on June 22, 1940, in Angola. She survives.

He was a U.S. Navy photographer in World War II, superintendent of postal operations at the Angola Post Office from 1960 to 1978, worked for 35 years as custodian of Angola City Building, and was a partner for 15 years of King-Wilder Sanxter Furniture Store in Angola.

Mr. Wilder was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola, a former member and past president of the Jaycees, a former member and past president of the Angola Rotary, a member of the Angola Masonic Lodge 236, Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Wayne,former board member of McClue Reserve, Angola, a member of Acres, and past president of Tri-State Artists. He painted over 300 paintings since 1979.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are: two sons, John Wilder of Angola, and Bill Wilder of Laguna Hills, Calif., two daughters, Martha Johnson of San Clemente, Calif., and Nancy Patterson of Indianapolis; a sister, Katherine Walter of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A brother, Leon Wilder, and a sister, Lorene Wilder, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 5, 2001, at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola with the Rev. Deborah Davis officiating. Burial is in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

No calling is scheduled.

Memorials are to the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Cameron Hospice or McClue Reserve.

Richard Vaughn

LAGRANGE — Richard E. Vaughn, 68, of rural LaGrange, died at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 31, 2001, at his residence.

Services are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Martha Delancy

ALBION — Martha Rose Delancy, 88, died at 11:25 a.m. Friday, March 30, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor LaGrange.

On March 9, 1913, in Noble County, she was born to Harley and Marvilla (Flynn) Kistler. On April 25, 1935, in Whitley County, she married LeRoy R. Delancy. He preceded her in death on Dec. 14, 1980.

She was a lifetime Albion area resident, a member of the Methodist Church of New Haven, Ladies Auxiliary of the Moose, an avid bowler and fisherman and retired from Essex Wire in Ligonier after 30 years of service.

Surviving are a brother, Ernest Kistler, of Olympia, Wash.; a sister-in-law, Cora Kistler of Worchester, N.Y.; seven nephews, Tomi Mullins, Berea, Ky., Terry Kistler, LaVerne, Calif., Ernest Kistler, Angleton, Texas, Richard Kistler, Olympia Wash., James Kistler, Fayetteville, N.C., Bobby Kistler, Lakewood, Wash., John Kistler, Shipshewana, and Gordon Kistler, Jacksonville, Fla.; and a niece, Debbie Baldwin, San Antonio, Texas.

A brother, Allen Kistler, and a twin sister, Ruth Kistler, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, April 2, 2001, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion. Burial is in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is 6 to 8 p.m. today, at the funeral home.

Memorials to donor's choice.

The News-Sun, Mon., April 2, 2001

Leonard Tully

LIGONIER — Leonard Dean "Nook" Tully, 84, died at 12:02 a.m. Sunday, April 1, 2001, at Goshen General Hospital, where he had been a patient for the last four weeks.

Mr. Tully lived in the Ligonier area most of his life. He was a truck driver. He retired from Herriott Trucking of East Palestine, Ohio. He was a past president of Ligonier Eagles Lodge 1763, of which he was a member for over 50 years. He was also a member of Ligonier Masonic Lodge 185 and Columbia City Moose Lodge 1060, and a retired member of Local 710 of the Teamsters Union for Over the Road Drivers. He was a stock car driver and a past member of Tri State Racing Association No. 46. He was an accomplished musician, especially on saxophone and guitar. He was a founder of the Old Timers Band that performed locally for years. He collected clown memorabilia.

Mr. Tully

He was born Dec. 21, 1916, in Benton Township, Elkhart County, to Henry and Laura (Hapner) Tully. On July 11, 1940, in Benton Township, he married Iva D. "Donie" McDonald, who preceded him in death Jan. 27, 1994.

Three brothers and three sisters also preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son, Larry Tully of Elkhart; a daughter, Patricia Fry of Whitehouse, Ohio, four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with his great-nephew, the Rev. Marty Longcor, officiating. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Claude Smith

KENDALLVILLE — Claude Smith, 78, died at 5:45 a.m. Sunday, April 1, 2001, at the home of his grandson, Brian Tussey, after a two-year illness.

The Kendallville resident had lived in the area since 1961, coming from Kentucky. He was a retired farmer and foundry worker. A veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II, he was a prisoner of war in Germany and received the Purple Heart and the POW medal. He was a former resident of Garrett.

He was born Feb. 1, 1923, in Magoffin County, Ky., to Ashford and Ilant (Bailey) Smith. On July 20, 1943, in Floyd County, Ky., he married Marjorie J. Hicks, who preceded him in death May 2, 1993.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ashford and Patricia Smith of LaGrange; two daughters and sons-in-law, Ilant Sue and Ivan Tussey of Kendallville and Mary Lou and Warren Fish of Greenfield; six grandchildren, Brian and Kevin Tussey, Brad and Brent Smith, Amanda Adkins and Matthew Fish; five great-grandchildren, Daniel, Katie and Sarah Tussey and Jacob and Joshua Fish; and three sisters, Luna Hicks of Kendallville, Marie Shepherd of Kimmell and Mary Vanderpool of Hippo, Ky.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Gene Suffridge and the Rev. Ondie Wireman officiating. Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice, 109 E. Central Ave., LaGrange, IN 46761.

Richard Vaughn

LAGRANGE — Richard E. Vaughn, 68, died Saturday, March 31, 2001, at home in rural LaGrange.

He was a retired office clerk for ANR Pipeline, LaGrange. He moved from Fort Wayne to LaGrange in 1956. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a member of LaGrange American Legion Post 215 and Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, LaGrange.

He was born Sept. 8, 1932, in Fort Wayne to Rodney E. and Rosalie M. (Carson) Vaughn. On Dec. 22, 1956, in Fort Wayne, he married Florena J. Bredemeyer, who preceded him in death Sept. 5, 1998.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Natalie Murray and Melinda and Lee McNall, all of LaGrange; four brothers, Robert K. and Rex A. Vaughn, both of Shipshewana, Ronald C. Vaughn of Wolcottville and Randy J. Vaughn of Avilla; and five grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, LaGrange, with the Rev. Stephen Flynn officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Memorials are to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church or Parkview Home Health & Hospice of LaGrange.

Rev. Harry Hashberger

KENDALLVILLE — The Rev. Harry H. Hashberger, 91, died Sunday, April 1, 2001, at home.

He was a United Methodist minister who formerly served the United Methodist Church in Kendallville.

Among survivors are his wife, Goldie Hashberger, and two sons, Ronald Hashberger of Kendallville and David Hashberger of Rocky Ford, Colo.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Thelma Deihl

AUBURN — Thelma M. Deihl, 84, died Sunday, April 1, 2001, at 5 a.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She owned the Whale of a Deihl Shop in Auburn, dealing in antiques. She also worked as a clerk in Haffner's 5 and 10 cent Store in Garrett until 1980, then worked as a clerk at Worker's World in Garrett. She had resided at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla since May 2000.

Mrs. Deihl was a member of the Business & Professional Women of Garrett, Roadside Garden Club, and First Church of Christ in Garrett.

She was born May 1, 1916, in Santa Clara, Calif., to Arthur J. and Estella I. (Blair) Steward.

She married Harry Glen Deihl on Nov. 23, 1935, in Huntington. He died April 17, 1982.

Surviving her are three daughters, Darla Gearhart, Dora Johnson and Deborah Thomas, all of Auburn; one son, David Deihl of Lewisville, Texas; one brother, Ray Steward of Charles City, Iowa; 11 grandchildren, one stepgrandchild, eight great-grandchildren, and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the First Church of Christ, Garrett, with calling there after 12:30 p.m. Lloyd Mealer will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Additional calling is Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ or Provena Sacred Heart Home.

AVILLA — Funeral services for **Ruby M. Raber** were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 1, 2001, at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. James Toole officiating.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Eric Gerber, Bill Sibert, Larry Dean, Rusty Sunday and Keith and Ed Koch. Honorary pallbearers were Justen and Ryan Gerber, Sherm and Forest Strawser, Salty Casselman, Lawrence Pankop, Sam Littlejohn and John Hutchins.

AVILLA — Services for **Jay M. Snell** were held Saturday, March 31, 2001, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with the Rev. Lois Watkins and the Rev. Ken Robinson officiating.

Pallbearers were Kim and Brent Snell, Marcus and Molly Turner, Christy and Jason Snell and William and Hope Frederick.

Honorary pallbearers were John Gray, Frances Fischer and Gale Schaffer.

Burial was at Perry Township Cemetery, Huntertown.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, was in charge of arrangements.

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Rev. Harry Hashberger

KENDALLVILLE — The Rev. Harry H. Hashberger, 92, died Sunday, April 1, 2001, at home.

He was a 1934 graduate of Rossville High School, Rossville, Ga., a 1938 graduate of Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky., and a 1941 graduate of Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore. He served Trinity Methodist Church, Kendallville, (now Trinity Church United Methodist) from 1962-1965. He served many other Methodist and United Methodist churches in Indiana, retiring in 1977 from Hagerstown United Methodist Church, Hagerstown. After retiring, he served Richmond Central United Methodist Church for 16 years as parish visitor.

He was born May 27, 1908, in Schyler, Neb., to Jay F. and Hope (Stagall) Hashberger. On Sept. 5, 1939, in Ohio he married Goldie Violet Rothgeb, who survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Joy Hashberger of Rocky Ford, Colo., and Ronald and Nancy Hashberger of Kendallville; two brothers, Donal Hashberger of Fort Oglethorp, Ga., and James Hashberger of Melborne, Fla.; three granddaughters, Kari Kienitz of Rocky Ford, Colo., Karisti Whaley of Lynchburg, Va., and Ronda Black of New Haven; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at Faith United Methodist Church, Kendallville. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Memorials are to Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky., or Parkview Noble Home Health & Hospice.

Gerald Fought

TOPEKA — Gerald C. Fought, 85, of Topeka, died at 3:10 p.m. Monday, April 2, 2001, at the home of his son, where he had been living for a short time. He suffered a stroke 11 months before his death.

He was a lifetime resident of the Topeka area. He formerly owned the Milky Way Restaurant, Topeka, and was a butcher at Miller's Grocery Store, Topeka. He was a member of Topeka United Methodist Church and a charter member of the LaGrange Moose Lodge. He was a member of the Topeka Volunteer Fire Department, at one time serving as its assistant chief.

He was born Aug. 13, 1915, in Topeka to Iris and Florence (Yoder) Fought. On Dec. 10, 1938, in Angola he married Evelyn Wiler, who preceded him in death in 1982.

A son, Dennis "Tiny" Fought, and four brothers, Don, Kenneth, Wayne and James Fought, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Kathy Fought of Steinbarger Lake, Wawaka; another daughter-in-law, Charla Fought of Topeka; a brother, Leon Fought of Hermansville, Mich.; six sisters and five brothers-in-law, Irene Adair, Geraldine and Bill Gloor and Betty and Vernon Reidel, all of Topeka, Pauline and Earle Truex and Nancy and Don Saylor, all of New Paris, and Shirley and George Oswald of Shipshewana; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at Topeka United Methodist Church with Joann Kaiser officiating. Burial will be at Eden Cemetery, Topeka.

Calling is from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview Homecare & Hospice of LaGrange or the Topeka Volunteer Fire Department.

Arrangements are by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Vern Miller

LAGRANGE — Vern A. Miller, 78, of LaGrange, died at 3:47 a.m. Monday, April 2, 2001, at Vencor Hospital — LaGrange.

He retired from Kirsch Co., Sturgis, Mich., in 1984. He was also a farmer. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II. He was a member of the LaGrange American Legion.

He was born April 28, 1922, in Noble County to Chester and Sadie (Wallace) Miller. On Aug. 31, 1957, in Angola he married Jennie Fair, who survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Albert V. and Karen Miller of Howe, Chester V. and Bobbie Miller of Loxahatchee, Fla., and Bradley R. and Karla Miller of LaGrange; a daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie S. and Merv Jones of Howe; a daughter and her companion, Connie L. Fair and Ed Saffen of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Mary Jane Witham of Elkhart, Shirley W. Tham of Goshen and Jeanette Lantz of Middlebury; three brothers, Howard Miller of Bastrop, Texas, George Witham of Wolcottville and William Wallace Miller of Florida; a sister-in-law, Edna Miller of North Adams, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Four brothers, Leroy, George, Ralph and Bobbie Miller, preceded him in death.

Services are at 3 p.m. Thursday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Harold Honewell officiating. Burial will be at East Springfield Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Mongo Fire Department or the American Lung Association.

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Edith Sipe

NEW CARLISLE — Edith F. Sipe, 86, died at 4:15 p.m. Sunday, April 1, 2001.

She was a resident of Hamilton Grove Retirement Community and a longtime resident of Albion. She was formerly employed by Farm Bureau Insurance Co., Albion, and retired from the accounting department of Peter Eckrich & Co. Inc., Fort Wayne.

She was born Nov. 11, 1914, in Jackson Township, Randolph County, to Noah I. and Bertha (Byrum) Banta.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Maxine and Russell Healey of Livingston, Texas; a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Sue Sipe of South Bend; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

A brother, Carl Banta, and a sister, Ruth (Banta) Mangas, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be at a later date at Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

There is no calling.

Arrangements are by Hickey Funeral Home, 17131 Cleveland Road, South Bend.

Carlysle Chiddister

HOWE — Carlysle D. Chiddister, 66, died at 7:20 a.m. Sunday, April 1, 2001, at LifeCare of LaGrange.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran who served aboard the U.S.S. Iowa. He was a school teacher who taught music, band and choir at Howe Military Academy for the past 15 years. He was a member of Howe United Methodist Church, F&AM, and the LaGrange Community Foundation.

He was born Nov. 23, 1934, in Millersburg to Dellos O. and Veda (Cripe) Chiddister. On Feb. 15, 1964, in Elkhart he married Sally Blubaugh, who survives in Howe.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Annette Chiddister Woods and Robert Woods of Howe; a sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Richard Smith of Colon, Mich.; a grandson, Gerek R. Woods; and a granddaughter, Carlie A. Woods.

A celebration of life is at 10 a.m. Thursday at All Saints Chapel, Howe Military Academy, with the Rev. Robert Raschka officiating. Burial will be at Brown Cemetery, Millersburg.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe.

Memorials are to the Howe Military School music department or the Howe United Methodist Church building fund.

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Robert Trowbridge Jr.

LAGRANGE — Robert E. Trowbridge Jr., 57, died at 8:15 p.m. Monday, April 2, 2001, in an auto accident on Ind. 9 near Howe.

He was a self-employed accountant who owned and operated Robert E. Trowbridge Jr. Accounting. He moved to LaGrange in 1967. He was a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a former member of the Jaycees, the Exchange Club, the Gideons and the Knights of Columbus. He was an avid golfer and bowler and was active in the LaGrange County Cultural Arts Council.

Mr. Trowbridge

He was born July 3, 1943, in Gary to Robert E. Trowbridge Sr., who preceded him in death, and Helen (Voitovich) Trowbridge, who survives. On Jan. 26, 1964, in Bloomington he married Linda A. Benedict, who also survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Berry and Cindy Trowbridge of Wheaton, Ill., and Nathan and Suzy Trowbridge of Mishawaka; a daughter and son-in-law, amber and Kent Taylor of South Bend; a sister, Kathy Laughlin of Kendallville; a brother, Jim Trowbridge of Dallas; and six grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, LaGrange, with Father Paul Faroh officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery.

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. today at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with rosary services there at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Bishop's Appeal of the Catholic Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the LaGrange County Cultural Arts Council, and Maplewood Center.

Charles Miller

ROANOKE — Charles Miller, 67, died Monday, April 2, 2001, at home.

He was a mechanic at General Telephone Co.

He was born in Kendallville to Leo D. and Ruth I. Miller.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara M. Miller; three daughters, Linda Burton of Huntington, Rebecca Utterback of Roanoke and Donna Lampton of Muncie; two sons, John Bryan of Fort Wayne and Gary Wayne Miller of Texas; three sisters, Barbra Miller of Kendallville, Helen Coats of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Caroline Sue Bertolino of Donner's Groves, Ill.; 27 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and three adopted families, Ted and Beverly Moon, Edward and Brenda Bedford and Terry and Sue Scher, all of Huntington.

A son, Gary Lampton, and a daughter, Linda Bolzman, preceded him in death.

Services are 2 p.m. Thursday at Hart Funeral Home, Huntington. Burial will be at Garden of Memory Cemetery, Huntington.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and two hours before services Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Southern Care Hospice or Sons of the Legion Post 160.

Fred Kimmerly Sr.

LAGRANGE — Fred G. Kimmerly Sr., 80, of LaGrange and formerly of Rome City died Tuesday, April 3, 2001, at his home.

Services are pending at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville.

Naomi Trowbridge

KENDALLVILLE — Naomi R. Trowbridge of Fort Wayne, formerly of Kendallville, died Friday, March 30, 2001, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home.

Carlton Milleman

KENDALLVILLE — Carlton D. Milleman, 76, of Kendallville, died Tuesday, April 3, 2001, at Provena Sacred Heart, Avilla.

Mr. Milleman worked for Whiting Transportation for 20 years and was a member of the Teamsters union.

He was born May 28, 1924, in Angola to William and Anah (Walsh) Milleman.

Surviving are two sons, Alan Milleman of Kendallville and Mike Milleman of Burlington, Wash.; a daughter, Gloria Ostrowski of Leo; two brothers, Roger Milleman of Angola and Robert Milleman of Hudson; two sisters, Georgene Call and Charlene Wagner, both of Angola; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Flint Cemetery, Steuben County, with the Rev. James Hulbert officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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Paul Bailey

FORT WAYNE — Paul E. Bailey, 68, died Monday, April 2, 2001, at home.

The Pikeville, Ky., native retired in 1996 from Motel 6 after 10 years.

Surviving are his wife, Pauline F. Bailey; two daughters, Jane Bailey of Fort Wayne and Vicki Bailey of Illinois; two sons, Scott and Joshua Bailey, both of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Billy Bailey of Ligonier, Sidney and Bob Bailey, both of Fort Wayne, and Dean Bailey of Huntington; four sisters, Margaret Hall of Ligonier, Norma Lagraff of Illinois, Mary Seals of Fort Wayne and June Woodhall of Hessville; and nine grandchildren.

A daughter, Virginia Stout, preceded him in death.

Services are 1 p.m. Thursday at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. today and an hour before services Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Lawrence Herendeen

AVILLA — Lawrence Herendeen, 83, died at 8:19 a.m. Tuesday, April 3, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Avilla resident was a quality control inspector for Newnam Foundry, Kendallville, and a member of New Hope Baptist Church.

Mr. Herendeen

He was born Nov. 18, 1917, in Noble County to Homer and Ellen (Diffendarfer) Herendeen. In 1938 in Noble County, he married Mary Englebert, who preceded him in death in January 1998. In Kendallville in 1998, he married Mildred Campbell, who survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are five sons, Tom Herendeen of Roselawn, Warren Herendeen of Avon Park, Fla., Gale Herendeen of Warsaw, David Herendeen of Englewood, Fla., and Steven Herendeen of Rome City; two daughters, Deanna Prater of Wawaka and Lori Williams of Rome City; two stepchildren, Richard Campbell and Darlene Gonser, both of Avilla; a brother, James Herendeen of Rome City; a sister, Neva Musselman of Kendallville; 31 grandchildren; 56 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Four brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at New Hope Baptist Church, Ind. 8 and C.R. 500E, Kendallville, with the Rev. Tom Herendeen, the Rev. Steven Herendeen and the Rev. Ron Stratman officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is at the church 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday and an hour before services Saturday.

Memorials are to the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana.

Arrangements are by McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw.

Former Rome City official Fred Kimmerly Sr. dies

LAGRANGE — Fred G. Kimmerly Sr., 80, died at 1:10 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, 2001, at home after a 1 1/2-year illness.

Mr. Kimmerly was a former member and past president of the Rome City Town Council.

He had lived in LaGrange seven months, previously living on Kerr Island, Rome City. He was a retired truck driver and a Sunday school bus driver for Calvary Temple and First Assembly of God. He was a member of Rome City United Methodist Church, Rome City Lions Club, and Teamsters 414.

He was born Aug. 17, 1920, in Fort Wayne to Montey and Winnie (Noel) Kimmerly. On April 15, 1972, in Rome City, he married Geraldine L. (Burton) Garton, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Fred G. Kimmerly Jr. of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and Earl Coe of Wabash; a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Wayne T. and Connie Garton of Rome City; two stepdaughters and a stepson-in-law, Sandra and Dave Boyles and Kathleen Blotkamp, all of Rome City; a sister, Mildred Crist of Fort Wayne; two half sisters and a half brother-in-law, Marilyn Roush and Sharon and Jack Capatina, all of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; one great-grandchild; and 12 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Twin sons, four half sisters and a half brother preceded him in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Harold North officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 109 E. Central Ave., LaGrange, IN 46761.

George Ketcham

SYRACUSE — George Edward Ketcham, 71, died Tuesday, April 3, 2001, at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

The Cass County, Mich., native retired in 1990 as a truck driver from Starcraft in Topeka and was former owner of George's Gift World, Syracuse.

Surviving are his wife, Retha Ketcham; a daughter, Sherry Jeckert of Syracuse; six sons, Gary Ketcham of Middlebury, Steven Ketcham of Wakarusa, Larry and Michael Ketcham, both of Elkhart, Bruce Rookstool of Huron, Ohio, and Brett McDonald of North Webster; a brother, Walter Ketcham of Mishawaka; 17 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Services are 1:30 p.m. Friday at Eastlund Funeral Home Harris Chapel, Syracuse. Burial will be at Syracuse Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Kosciusko Home Health Care & Hospice.

Robert Hosler

FORT WAYNE — Robert J. Hosler, 83, died Wednesday, April 4, 2001, at Covington Manor Nursing Home.

The Kendallville native was an insurance agent at Lincoln National Life Insurance Co. and a veteran of the U.S. Navy in World War II.

Surviving are two daughters, Sandy Morrell and Rhonda Dennon, both of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

His wife, Ruth E. Hosler, preceded him in death in 1996.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 729 W. Washington Blvd. Burial will be at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road, and at the church Saturday 30 minutes before services. Masonic services by the Summit Lodge F&AM 170 are 7:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association, Heartland Hospice or the church.

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Robert Wirick

PAULDING, Ohio — Robert Wayne Wirick, 79, died Saturday, March 17, 2001 at home in Palmer, Alaska.

He was a former resident of Paulding County, Ohio, and the Kendallville area who moved to Palmer in 1998. He was a 1939 graduate of Haviland High School, Haviland, Ohio. He was a foreman for Haviland Clay Works, Haviland, and for General Portland Cement Co., Paulding, Ohio. He was a retired truck driver for the steel industry and a farmer. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Palmer.

He was born Sept. 30, 1921, in Paulding County to Glenn and Eva (Sunday) Wirick. In 1942 he married Mary E. Luliak, who survives in Palmer.

Also surviving are four daughters, Judy Neher of Palmer, Marylou Birkmire of Martel, Neb., Rita Miller of Fort Wayne and Peggy Simon of Toledo, Ohio; a son, Rick W. Wirick of Lodi, Ohio; a brother, Gerald Wirick of Paulding; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A grandson preceded him in death.

Memorial services are noon Indiana time Saturday at DenHerder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Pastor Scott Townsend officiating.

Calling is an hour before services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society of Paulding and Defiance Counties, 419 Fifth St., Defiance, OH 43512-2735.

Services Held

LIGONIER — Services for **Leonard Dean "Nook" Tully**, 84, were held at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home at 11 a.m. April 4, 2001, with the Rev. Marty Longcor officiating.

Burial was at Oak Park Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Derek Lough, Dennis Butler, Matthew Fought, Frank McDonald, Ralph Fry and Jerry Grams.

Robert Deller

ASHLEY — Robert D. Deller, 79, died at 6:40 a.m. today, April 5, 2001, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

He lived most of his life in the Ashley-Hudson area. He was a retired truck driver who worked for Bolin Drive A-Way and Fruehauf Corp.

He was born June 4, 1921, in Fremont to George and Berniece (Walter) Deller. On Sept. 24, 1952, in Angola, he married June Wagoner, who preceded him in death May 21, 1991.

Two sisters, Patricia and Georgene, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are four sons and a daughter-in-law, Thomas J. and Karen Deller and Robert L. Deller, all of Ashley, Michael L. Deller of Angola and William D. Deller of Roanoke; five sisters, Betty Simpkins of Piketon, Ohio, Geraldine Nichols of Lorida, Fla., Katherine Randol of Rome City, Helen Gerst of Ligonier and Bonnie Newcomer of Kendallville; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be at Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Paul Cross

ANGOLA — Paul E. Cross, 72, of Angola, died Tuesday, March 20, 2001, at his home.

Mr. Cross retired in 1983 after 25 years with International Harvester and was owner of the Pine Haven Motel, Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, Angola.

He was born Aug. 7, 1928, in Huntington to Harry and Nova (Strouse) Cross.

On May 29, 1999, he married Nancy L. (Sutton) Cross, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Alan E. Cross of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Kimberly Schreve of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters, Barbara Pfundstein of Princeton, Ill., and Diane Darragh of Carmel; two brothers, Jack Cross of Greencastle, and James Cross of Kendallville; three sisters, Betty Henderson of Warren, Patricia Hedrick of Huntington, and Joyce Satterthwaite of Huntington; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, E. Jean Cross, on April 8, 1998, and a daughter, Judy Englert, in 1987.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, Angola, with the Rev. Thomas Smith and Ray Bodie officiating.

Calling is Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society, Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes and Cameron Hospice.

Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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Joseph Waggoner

MARKLE — Joseph H. Waggoner, 77, died Tuesday, April 3, 2001, in Albion.

He was a former warehouse worker at Kresge Warehouse, Fort Wayne. He was a member of Uniontown Church of Christ. He enjoyed fishing, gardening and horse care.

He was born May 10, 1923, in Grant County, a son of Harry Waggoner. On Oct. 3, 1952, in Wells County he married Betty Caley, who preceded him in death Sept. 17, 1989.

Three brothers also preceded him in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Carol J. Lewis of Bluffton; a son, Ken Waggoner of Ossian; a sister, Janet Johnson of Marion; and a grandson.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Uniontown Church of Christ in rural Wells County with the Rev. Dal Fosnaugh officiating. Burial will be at Uniontown Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian.

Memorials are to Uniontown Church of Christ or Albion First Presbyterian Church.

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Kathryn Boyle

FORT WAYNE — Kathryn E. Guildenbecher Boyle, 79, died Wednesday, April 4, 2001, at Towne House Health Center.

The Jay County native retired in 1981 as a secretary for the Allen County Extension Office after 20 years of service.

Surviving are a daughter, Joan Bovee of Wolcottville; a son, Rex Guildenbecher of Carmel; a brother, James H. Bullock of Dunkirk; four sisters, Harriet L. Kress, Mary L. Evans, and Lucille M. Kesler, all of Dunkirk, and H. Jane Von Fange of Columbus; and three grandchildren.

Her husband, Timothy J. Boyle, preceded her in death in 1992.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road. Graveside services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Strong Cemetery, Albany.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph United Methodist Church.

Jenny Brumbaugh

NEW HAVEN — Jenny M. "Jen-Jen" Brumbaugh, 17, died Wednesday, April 4, 2001, in Grabill.

The Kendallville native was a grocery bagger at Kroger in New Haven.

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Twila and Mikel Barnes of New Haven; her father, Lloyd Brumbaugh of Bear Lake; a sister, Milissa Brumbaugh of New Haven; two stepsisters, Holli Barnes and Cheryl Godschalk, both of New Haven; a stepbrother, Jerry Barnes of Fort Wayne; three grandparents, Sharon Kienzler of Columbia City, Delores Parsley of Bear Lake and Homer J. Wheeler Jr. of Muncie; and her stepgrandparents, David Kienzler of Columbia City and Sharon Wheeler of Muncie.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Ind. 930 East, New Haven. Burial will be at Woodburn Mennonite Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Naomi Trowbridge

FORT WAYNE — Naomi R. Trowbridge, 88, died at 5 p.m. Friday, March 30, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, after a 2 1/2-year illness.

She was a Fort Wayne resident who formerly lived in Kendallville. She was a homemaker and a member of Faith United Methodist Church, Kendallville.

Mrs. Trowbridge

She was born Jan. 27, 1913, in LaGrange County to George J. and Pauline (Miller) North. On Sept. 20, 1940, in South Milford, she married Everett B. Trowbridge, who preceded her in death Dec. 10, 1964.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Romane and Robert Feller of Schoolcraft, Mich., Dianne and James Robke of Manistee, Mich., and Linda and Donald Wolford of Leo; a brother, Jack North of Wolcottville; a sister, Nedra Seagly of Bismark, N.D.; and six grandchildren, Cristine Culpepper, Mark Feller, Amanda and Matthew Robke and Kurt and Kelly Wolford.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at Faith United Methodist Church with the Rev. James Toole officiating. Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the church.

Services Held

TOPEKA — Funeral services for **Gerald Fought**, 85, of Topeka, were held at Topeka United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 5, 2001, with Joann Kaiser officiating.

Burial was in Eden Cemetery, Topeka.

Pallbearers were Doug and DeWayne Fought, Les Gloor, Wilbur Eash, Greg Reidel and Steve Saylor.

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Donald Brown

COLUMBIA CITY — Donald W. Brown, 76, died Friday, April 6, 2001, at 7:15 a.m. at the V.A. Northern Indiana Health Care, Fort Wayne. Mr. Brown had been failing in health for the past few months.

He was born in Warsaw on March 13, 1925, to Ralph E. and Mary Ethel (Atchison) Brown.

He attended schools in Burket and Warsaw. He then joined the U.S. Air Force and traveled all over the world during his 20-year military career, retiring Sept. 30, 1967. He moved to Columbia City the same year.

He was a former member of the American Legion in Fort Wayne, and a lifetime member of the D.A.V.

He is survived by four brothers and one sister-in law, James F. Brown of Fort Wayne, Roger L. Brown, Norman E. Brown and Jerry L. and Jeanette Brown, all of Columbia City; three sisters and one brother-in-law, Betty J. and Bert T. Newell of Fort Wayne, Alice J. Hughes of Bryan, Ohio, and Helen I. Grubb of Wolcottville; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Richard R. and Albert E. Brown, and three sisters, Hazel M. and Imogene Brown and Shirley A. Brudi.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with Pastor Steve Fritchman of the Pleasant Chapel United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw, with graveside military services conducted by Pierceton American Legion Post 258.

Calling is Sunday from 2-7 p.m. in the funeral home. Memorials to the donor's choice.

Vera Russell

HUNTINGTON — Vera Russell, 91, died Monday, April 9, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor, Huntington.

The Wabash County native was a veterinarian assistant for Drs. Myers and Stoddelmyer in Wabash.

Surviving are four nephews, Stanley Landrum of Albion, Lawrence Landrum of Chicago, Larry Landrum of Lansing, Mich., and Steve Lakin of Carson City, Nev.; and a niece, Phyllis Stetzel of Roanoke.

Her husband, Merlin Russell, preceded her in death in 1981.

Services are 2 p.m. Wednesday at Bailey-Love Mortuary, Huntington. Burial will be at Mt. Etna Cemetery.

Calling is an hour before services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Christ's United Methodist Church in care of the funeral home at 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

Richard Lewton

DECATUR — Richard D. Lewton, 88, died Monday, April 9, 2001, at 2:30 p.m. in Adams County Memorial Hospital.

He retired from United Telephone Co. in 1977 with 10 years of service. He was a former longtime Adams County office holder, serving as Adams County treasurer from 1948 to 1952 and Adams County clerk from 1956 to 1964. He had also been a Decatur barber and a self-employed electrician. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Mr. Lewton was born April 10, 1912, in Adams County to Amos J. and Anna (Mumma) Lewton.

He married Frieda M. Amstutz on April 12, 1922, and she died June 15, 1996.

Surviving him are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Carolyn and Bill Lehman of Ohio City, Ohio, Barbara A. Haynes of Auburn, and Mary Lou and Larry Brunner Sr., Kathy and Rex Strickler, and Geraldine and Gerald Sudduth, all of Decatur; one son, Richard C. Lewton of Topeka; a niece, Marjorie Keeler of Granger; 20 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Florence Funk, Mary Lewton and Mable Lewton, and two brothers, Clarence and Lewis Lewton.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in First United Methodist Church, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Kenneth Mahan and the Rev. Jackie Foley will officiate. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 1-5 and 6-9 p.m. in Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur.

Memorials are to the church.

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Hannah Bailey

COLUMBIA CITY — Hannah Eileen Bailey, 2, died at 9:04 p.m. Saturday, April 7, 2001, at Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis, after being transferred there from Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She resided with her family in Smith Township, Whitley County.

She was born Jan. 9, 1999, to Sheldon and Marla Jo (Zumbrun) Bailey, who survive in Columbia City.

Also surviving are a sister, Lauren E. Bailey of Columbia City; a twin brother, Drake E. Bailey of Columbia City; her maternal grandparents, John and Miriam Zumbrun of Wolf Lake; her paternal grandparents, James and Aletha Bailey of Fort Wayne; a paternal great-grandmother, Irene Bailey of Waterloo; and a maternal great-grandmother, Ruby Swinger of Smithboro, Ill.

Hannah Bailey

Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at First Church of God, 1200 W. DePoy Drive, Columbia City, with Pastor George Reser and Penny Mosher officiating. Burial will be at Blue River Cemetery. Thorncreek Township, Whitley County.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the Hannah E. Bailey Memorial Fund c/o DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, IN 46725.

Helen Fitzwater

KENDALLVILLE — Helen Catherine Fitzwater, 86, died Monday, April 9, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

The Huntington native formerly lived in Fort Wayne. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are two sisters-in-law, Marjorie Hendry of Huntington and Jane Hendry of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

Her husband, Ralph Fitzwater, preceded her in death in 1984.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Huntington.

Calling is an hour before services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Allen County League for the Blind.

Harold Salisbury

FORT WAYNE — Harold S. Salisbury, 78, died Monday, April 9, 2001, at home.

The Kendallville native was a police officer for the Fort Wayne Police Department who retired in 1969 after 20 years. He retired from International Harvester in 1982 after 17 years. He was a past president of the Fort Wayne Retired Police Officers Association and the Kekionga Golden K Kiwanis, past master of Home Lodge 342, and lieutenant governor of the Golden K Kiwanis Cardinal Division. He was a veteran of the Naval Reserve in World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Wanetah Salisbury; three daughters, Denise Green, Patricia Coe and Debra Dray, all of Fort Wayne; a half-brother, Robert Mock of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is at the funeral home 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and an hour before services Thursday.

Memorials are to Calvary-Third Presbyterian Church or Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice.

Betty Huff

BRIMFIELD — Betty J. Huff, 76, died at 10:42 p.m. Saturday, April 7, 2001, in Noble County.

She lived in the Brimfield—rural Albion area. She was a 1943 graduate of Rome City High School. She was a homemaker who attended Brimfield United Methodist Church.

She was born May 19, 1924, in Elkhart to Charles and Nellie Couts. On April 24, 1943, in Brimfield, she married Robert Huff, who preceded her in death June 29, 1994.

Surviving are two daughters, Sandra S. Smith of Orange Park, Fla., and Cynthia Huff of Milford, N.J.; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert L. and Linda Huff of Springfield, Ohio; three grandchildren and their spouses, Amie and Kevin Shorter of Katy, Texas, Berry and Karen Huff of San Antonio, Texas, and Jason and Jenny Rasp of Indianapolis; four great-grandchildren, Madeline Shorter, Grant Huff, and Sam and Margaux Rasp; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are 1 p.m. Thursday at Orr Funeral Home, Albion, with the Rev. Wanda Callahan officiating. Burial will be at Orange Township Cemetery, Brimfield.

Calling is from 10 a.m. until services Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the F Unit of Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

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Bernice Malcom

HUNTERTOWN — Bernice L. Malcolm, 85, of rural Huntertown, died Saturday, April 7, 2001, at her residence in Eel River Township.

Mrs. Malcolm was a member of St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church in Fort Wayne and its Rosary Society.

She was born Aug. 10, 1915, north of Churubusco to Edward and Elizabeth (Burns) Maloney. She moved to Perry Township in Allen County with her parents as a young girl.

On Aug. 26, 1933, she married Ralph S. Malcolm in Fort Wayne, and he preceded her in death on April 22, 1991. She lived all her married life on a family farm northwest of Huntertown.

Surviving are five sons and four daughters-in-law, Richard and Ruth Malcolm of Butler, David Malcolm of Fort Wayne, Joe and Patti Malcolm of Huntertown and Kenneth and Jean and Raymond and Pat Malcolm, all of LaOtto; three daughters and sons-in-law, Mary E. and Jon Smith of Fort Wayne, Theresa and Kent Rivir of LaOtto and Barbara and Tim Richardson of Huntertown; three brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Ruth Maloney of Fort Wayne, Paul and Yvonne Maloney of Auburn and Ralph and Betty Maloney of Amarillo, Texas; a sister and brother-in-law, Jane and Walt Mertz of Fort Wayne; 27 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by a grandson, Joseph Phillip Malcolm; two daughters-in-law, Maraquita and Beverly Malcolm; two brothers, Gerald "Casey" and John "Jack" Maloney; and a sister, Helen Maloney.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church, 8669 Auburn Rd., with Father John Kuzmich officiating. Calling will be Monday from 5-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco. A Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Monday and a Liturgical Wake held at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in the church cemetery. Memorials are to the church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Robert DeLancey

ANGOLA — Robert L. DeLancey Sr., 68, died Friday, April 6, 2001, in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a self-employed farmer and a lifetime resident of Angola. He was a member of the Angola Church of the Nazarene. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Mr. DeLancey was born Sept. 5, 1932, in Angola to Oakley and Blanche (Halsey) DeLancey. His mother survives in Angola and his father preceded him in death.

He married Vera D. Curtland on Oct. 2, 1950, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Bob and Deb DeLancey Jr., Tony and Andrea DeLancey, Chuck DeLancey, and Rocky and Holly DeLancey, all of Angola; six daughters and sons-in-law, Penny and Mike Place of Adrian, Mich., Robbie and Steve Groh of Orland, Pat and Steve Bireley of Angola, Sherry and Richard Keck of Orland, Tina and Rick Caudill of Angola, and Pam and Kevin Wolfe of Angola; one brother, Bill DeLancey of Angola; one sister, Connie Kuhn of Fremont; 31 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A sister, Phyllis Goudy, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Randy Marshall officiating. Burial will be in Lake Gage Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is today from 2-6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Angola Church of the Nazarene building fund.

Iona Brandon

AUBURN — Iona Brandon, 66, died Friday, April 6, 2001, at 9:25 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She lived in Auburn and worked in the housekeeping department of DeKalb Memorial Hospital for 10 years, retiring in 1983.

She was born May 27, 1934, in Mannington, W.Va., the daughter of Glen C. and Evelyn H. (Batson) Straight.

On Jan. 27, 1954, she married Richard O. Brandon in Garrett. He died Nov. 27, 1992.

Surviving are two sons, Richard O. Brandon Jr. of Angola and William Lynn "Bill" Brandon of Auburn; one daughter and son-in-law, Tammy Jo and Rick Holroyd of Auburn; two brothers, Glen Straight Jr. of Metz, W.Va. and Donnie Lee Straight of Fourstates, W.Va.; four sisters, Mary Jo Garrison of Rachel, W.Va., Wilma Jean Gibson of Garrett, Wanda Mae Iddings of Mannington, W.Va., and Shirley Ann Garrison of Tampa, Fla.; and four grandchildren, Andrew, Tyler, Christy and Richard Brandon III.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Debra and Sandra Brandon.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Northeastern Indiana Kidney Foundation.

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Marjorie Aubrey

HAMILTON — Marjorie E. Aubrey, 82, died Friday, April 6, 2001, at her home.

She was an assistant to the president of Centlivre Brewing Co. for 18 years in Fort Wayne. She was a corporate secretary and general manager at Old Crown Brewing Corp., Fort Wayne, for 14 years. She was an associate director of business administration at the Fort Wayne YMCA for four years, retiring Jan. 1, 1981.

She was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola, a life member of the YWCA, and a former member of the board of directors of Brewery Association of America.

Miss Aubrey was born March 7, 1919, in Fort Wayne to Frank J. and Jessie A. (Herman) Aubrey.

Surviving her are one brother, Richard Aubrey of Hamilton; two nephews, Richard D. Aubrey of Illinois and Gary Aubrey of Woodburn; and two nieces, Judy Corell of Logansport and Christine Mulligan of Zionsville.

A brother, Frank H. Aubrey, preceded her in death in 1992.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church, with calling after 9 a.m. A committal service will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in the chapel at Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana or the church.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Wilbur Shears

FORT WAYNE — Wilbur W. Shears, 74, died Thursday, April 5, 2001, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

He lived in Fort Wayne and retired in 1981 from Dana Corp. with 33 years of service. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of New Haven VFW Post 2457, Leo-Cedarville American Legion Post 409.

Mr. Shears was born in 1926 in Allen County.

Surviving him are his wife, B. Faye; two sons, Gene A. of Garrett and Jerry W. of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Kathy J. Greer of Leo-Cedarville; his stepmother, Omeda Shears of St. Petersburg, Fla.; a brother, Glen E. of Leo-Cedarville; a sister, Dolores M. Shaffer of Sarasota, Fla.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. with military honors at D. O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 409 building fund, Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice, or the charity of the donor's choice.

Zachary Carteaux

KENDALLVILLE — Zachary Lawrence Carteaux was stillborn Friday, April 6, 2001, at 8:30 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville. He was the son of David A. and Connie (Smith) Carteaux of Kendallville.

Also surviving are a half-sister, Mary Terry of Kendallville; a half-brother, Justin Terry of Kendallville; a stepsister, Rhonda Cole of Kendallville; a maternal grandmother, Bonnie J. Smith of Knott County, Ky.; and paternal grandparents, Russell and Nellie Carteaux of Avilla.

Graveside services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. There will be no calling.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Margherita Chapman

STURGIS, Mich. — Margherita E. "Aunt Margh" Chapman, 103, died Saturday, April 7, 2001, at 3:01 p.m. in Thurston Wood Village in Sturgis, Mich.

She was a teacher for a few years and then worked as a practical nurse for her entire life until retiring from Irene Byron Healthe Center in Fort Wayne. She had lived in Sturgis since 1995, moving there from Rome City.

She was a member of the Weston Street Bible Church in Rome City since 1906, where she was a Sunday School teacher and played piano.

Miss Chapman was born Sept. 28, 1897, in Rome City to Fred and Eudora (Nichols) Chapman.

Surviving her are one niece, JoAnn Chapman of Highland, Ind., and two nephews, Larry Chapman of Howe and John Chapman of Rome City.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, including Clarence Chapman; two sisters, and one nephew, Kerwin Chapman.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with calling after noon. The Rev. Don Lash will officiate. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

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Lauretta Welch

KENDALLVILLE — Lauretta A. Welch, 84, died at 1:07 a.m. Sunday, April 8, 2001, in the emergency room of Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville. She had been in failing health for six weeks.

Mrs. Welch

She was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, and a member of Dorcas Circle there.

She was born Aug. 16, 1916, in Corunna to John and Mary (Holsinger) Gulick. On Oct. 28, 1933, in Albion, she married John W. Welch, who preceded her in death Aug. 6, 1983.

Two brothers, Everett and Ivan Gulick, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are three daughters, Annette Luttman and Rachel Welch, both of Kendallville, and Sally Clem of Fort Wayne; five grandsons, Jerry W., Jeffery L., Jon P. and James M. Luttman Jr. and Jacob D. Flynn, all of Kendallville; five granddaughters, Jil A. Carmony of Falmouth, Dorinda S. Miller, Dawn M. Krohn and Laura M. Kastner, all of Fort Wayne, and Abigail A. Flynn of Kendallville; a half-brother, Raymond Gulick of Kendallville; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Church United Methodist with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker and the Rev. David Hogsett officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and at the church Wednesday an hour before services.

Memorials are the Shepherd of the Hill Day Care Center or the church.

Evelyn Fehrmann

ALBION — Evelyn L. Fehrmann, 86, died at 7:35 a.m. Sunday, April 8, 2001, at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home.

She was a retired waitress who had lived in the community for six years since moving from Murphy, N.C.

She was born June 19, 1914, in Ligonier to Simon A. and Horabelle (Rodman) Merriman. On Oct. 27, 1973, she married Eugene E. Fehrmann, who preceded her in death in 1995.

A son, Charles Kent Elion, and a grandson, Charles Kurt Elion, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are four grandchildren, Mark E. Elion of Wolcottville and Scot L. and Lyn J. Elion, and Joyce J. Stewart, all of Goshen; a sister, Ruby Pierce of Albion; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be at a later date. There is no calling.

Arrangements are by Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

Services Held

LAGRANGE — Funeral services for **Fred G. Kimmerly Sr.** were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 7, 2001, at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

The Rev. Dr. Harold North of Rome City United Methodist Church officiated.

Burial was in Orange Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Josh and Brian Coe, Jason Kimmerly, Clayton Dilts, Nick and Tom Garton, Rob Boyles and Ryan Delvecio.

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Joseph H. Waggoner, 77

ALBION - Joseph H. Waggoner, 77, died on Tuesday, April 3, 2001 in Albion.

He was born on May 10, 1923 in Grant County to Harry Waggoner.

On October 3, 1952 he married Betty Caley Waggoner in Wells County. She preceded him in death on September 17, 1989.

Mr.Waggoner was a former Markle and Zanesville resident. He worked as a warehouse worker for Kresge Warehouse in Ft. Wayne. He was a member of the Uniontown Church of Christ. His hobbies included fishing, gardening and horse care.

Surviving are one daughter, Carol J. Lewis of Bluffton; one son, Ken Waggoner of Ossian; a sister, Janet Johnson of Marion; and one grandson.

Three brothers preceded him in death.

Services were held on Sunday, April 8 at Uniontown Church of Christ in rural Wells County with Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home in Ossian. Burial was in Uniontown Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Uniontown Church of Christ or Albion First Presbyterian Church.

Betty J. Huff, 76

BRIMFIELD-Betty J. Huff, 76, of the Brimfield and rural Albion area died Saturday, April 7, 2001 at 10:42 p.m. in Noble County.

She was born on May 19, 1924 in Elkhart, IN to Charles and Nellie Couts. She graduated from Rome City High School in 1943. She was a homemaker and attended Brimfield United Methodist Church.

On April 24, 1943 she married Robert Huff in Brimfield. He preceded her in death on June 29, 1994.

Survivors include: a daughter, Sandra S. Smith of Orange Park, Florida; a daughter, Cynthia Huff of Milford, New Jersey; a son, Robert L. Huff and wife Linda of Springfield, Ohio; a sister, June Gustafson and husband Ralph of Lake Suzy, Florida; grandchildren Amie and Kevin Shorter of Katy, Texas; Berry and Karen Huff of San Antonio, Texas; Jason and Jenny Rasp of Indianapolis; Great- grandchildren Madeline Shorter, Grant Huff, Sam Rasp and Margaux Rasp; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2001 at 1 p.m. in Orr Funeral Home of Albion with Rev. Wanda Callahan officiating. Burial will follow in Orange Township Cemetery of Brimfield.

Visitation is from 10 a.m. till services Thursday, April 12, 2001.

Memorials may be made to F Unit, Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, Indiana.

Evelyn L. Fehrmann, 86

ALBION-Evelyn L. Fehrmann, 86, died in Kendallville Manor Nursing Home Kendallville at 7:35 a.m., Sunday, April 8, 2001.

She was born on June 19, 1914 in Ligonier to Simon A. and Horabelle (Rodman) Merriman both deceased.

On October 27, 1973, she married Eugene E. Fehrmann. He preceded her in death in 1995. She had lived in the community for six years coming here from Murphy, NC. She was a retired waitress.

One son Charles Kent Elion and one grandson Charles Kurt Elion preceded her in death.

Surviving are three grandsons and one granddaughter: Mark E. Elion of Wolcottville; Scot L. Elion, Lyn J. Elion, Joyce J. Stewart all of Goshen; nine Great-grandchildren; and one sister, Ruby Pierce of Albion.

There will be no calling and services will be held at a later date. Brazzell Funeral Home of Albion are in charge of arrangements.

Hannah Eileen Bailey, 2

COLUMBIA CITY-Hannah Eileen Bailey passed away at 9:04 p.m. Saturday, April 7, 2001 at Riley's Children Hospital, Indianapolis, IN where she had been transferred from Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, IN.

She was born on January 9, 1999 to Sheldon and Marla Jo (Zumbrun) Bailey and had always resided with her family in Smith Township, Whitley County, IN.

She is survived by parents, Sheldon James and Marla Jo Bailey of Columbia City; a sister, Lauren E. Bailey of Columbia City; a twin brother, Drake E. Bailey of Columbia City; the maternal grandparents John and Miriam Zumbrun of Wolf Lake; the paternal grandparents James and Aletha Bailey of Fort Wayne; the maternal great-grandmother Ruby Swinger of Simthboro, IL and the paternal great-grandmother Irene Bailey of Waterloo.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2001 from 2-8 p.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, IN with funeral services being held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 12, 2001 at First Church of God, 1200 West DePoy Drive, Columbia City, IN with Pastor George Reser and Penny Mosher officiating.

Burial will follow at the Blue River Cemetery, Thorncreek Township, Whitley County, Columbia City, IN

Memorial donations may be made to the Hannah Bailey E. Memorial Fund c/o DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, IN 46725.

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Jenny "Jen-Jen" Brumbaugh, 17

NEW HAVEN-Jenny "Jen-Jen" M. Brumbaugh, 17, died Wednesday in Grabill.

She was born in Kendallville, she was a bagger at Kroger in New Haven.

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Twila and Mikel Barnes, both of New Haven; her father, Lloyd Brumbaugh of Bear Lake; a sister, Milissa Brumbaugh of New Haven; two stepsisters, Holli Barnes and Cheryl Godschalk, both of New Haven; a step-brother, Jerry Barnes of Fort Wayne; her grandparents, Sharon Kienzler of Columbia City, Delores Parsley of Bear Lake and Homer Wheeler Jr. of Muncie; and step-grandparents, David Kienzler of Columbia City and Sharon Wheeler of Muncie.

Services were held on Monday, April 9, 2001 at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home in New Haven.

Burial in Woodburn Mennonite Cemetery.

Memorials to the family.

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Lizzie Bontrager

LAGRANGE — Lizzie Ann Bontrager, 59, died at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, 2001, at home. She had been in declining health for three months.

She lived all her life in LaGrange County. She was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born June 24, 1941, in LaGrange County to Milt S. and Mary J. (Troyer) Otto. On Jan. 31, 1963, in LaGrange County, she married Daniel S. Bontrager, who survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are six daughters and three sons-in-law, Alice and Orla E. Bontrager of Hillsboro, Mich., Ruby and Orla L. Raber of Middlebury, Ruth and John A. Miller of LaGrange, and Wilma, Elizabeth and Ida Mae Bontrager, all at home; eight sons and six daughters-in-law, Alvin and Loretta Bontrager and Samuel and Kathryn Bontrager, all of Topeka, Vernon and Pollyanna Bontrager of Shipshewana, Philip and Joanna Kay Bontrager and David and Elnora Bontrager, all of LaGrange, Milton and Martha Bontrager of Wolcottville and Daniel Bontrager Jr. and Harley Bontrager, both at home; and 46 grandchildren.

Also surviving are three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Wilma and Daniel Frey of Dowing, Mo., Edna and Clarence Wingard of Shipshewana and Mary Otto of Topeka; and five brothers, Daniel Otto of Topeka, Perry and Fred Otto, both of Dalton, Wis., Jerry Otto of LaGrange and David Otto of Middlebury.

Preceding her in death were a son who was stillborn Dec. 18, 1982; two stillborn grandsons; six sisters; and a brother.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Perry A. Bontrager residence, 5520W—100N, LaGrange, with Bishop Simon W. Miller and the Rev. Harley T. Lambright officiating. Burial will be at Mast Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is after 2 p.m. today and all day Thursday at her residence, 5185W—100N, LaGrange.

Arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Alma Hostetler

COLUMBIA CITY — Alma A. Hostetler, 77, died Tuesday, April 10, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City.

The Rolante Taquara, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, native retired in 1985 as a registered nurse from Columbia City Nursing Home. She had also worked at medical facilities in the Fort Wayne and Columbia City areas.

Surviving are two sons, James E. Hostetler of Columbia City and John F. Hostetler of Woodburn; two daughters, Yvonne Pfeiffer of Columbia City and Angela Elling of Anchorage, Alaska; four sisters, Gertrude Beyerlein of Wolcottville, Margaret Stoppenhagen of Fort Wayne, Ida Griebel of Hoagland and Marie Jacobs of Phoenix; a brother, Fred Reinking of Pekin, Ill.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Walter R. Hostetler, preceded her in death in 1999.

Services are 2 p.m. Friday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

Albert Thomas

CRAIGVILLE — Albert Thomas, 75, died Monday, April 9, 2001, at Meadowvale Health & Rehabilitation Center, Bluffton.

The Leslie County, Ky., native retired from Franklin Electric in 1988 after 37 years.

Surviving are his wife, Bernice Thomas; two sons, Avery Thomas of Marion and Brian Keith Thomas of Geneva; a sister, Mary Howard of Kendallville; two grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; a great-grandchild; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

A daughter, Karen Sue Thomas, preceded him in death in 1964.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Thoma-Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, Bluffton. Burial will be at Elm Grove Cemetery, Bluffton.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. today and an hour before services Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Bluffton Church of Christ.

Gene Geyer

CROMWELL — Gene R. Geyer, 57, of Cromwell and formerly of Shipshewana, died at 4 p.m. Friday, April 6, 2001, at the Regional Medical Center, South Bend, after a long illness.

Mr. Geyer was born on Aug. 13, 1943, in Elkhart County to Walter J. and Betty J. (Lawson) Geyer.

He married Ruby Hostetter in 1967, and she survives him.

Mr. Geyer was a 1962 graduate of Shipshewana-Scott School. He was a former employee of Jayco R.V. Co. in Middlebury. He was a member of American Legion Post 215, LaGrange. He was a veteran of the United States Navy and an active member of Stone's Trace Regulators for many years.

Mr. Geyer

Surviving in addition to his wife are three daughters, Brenda (Geyer) Reecer of Maumee, Ohio; Shelia Wood Litchy of Scottsdale, Ariz.; and Shelby Wood Enstminger of Buena Vista, Va.; one son, Damian Wirick of North Manchester; seven grandchildren; three sisters; one brother; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Cremation has taken place upon his request. There will be a celebration of his life given by his family at a later date.

Memorials are to the National Kidney Foundation.

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Max Gray

ALBION — Max W. "Mike" Gray, 83, died Monday, April 9, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a dairy farmer for 13 1/2 years and drove a school bus in Noble County.

Surviving are two sons, Jerry Lee and Junior Dean Gray, both of Albion; a daughter, Jennie Ruth Coverstone of Columbia City; a sister, Betty Sankovich of Chardon, Ohio; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

His wife, Lurahbell Gray, preceded him in death in 1997.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Big Lake Church of God, Columbia City. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Calling is 2-5 and 6-9 p.m. Thursday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, and at the church an hour before services.

Memorials are to the church.

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Barbara Leatherman

ALBION — Barbara I. Leatherman, 72, died at 10:17 a.m. Tuesday, April 10, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, of complications from an injury received in El Reno, Okla.

Mrs. Leatherman

She enjoyed her family, crocheting, reading and the outdoors. She was a past matron and 53-year member of the Prentiss Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was a member of Tri Kappa and Asbury United Methodist Church. She volunteered in the oncology department of McCray Memorial Hospital and participated in the Noble County Relay for Life. She was active in the Good Life Mobile Home Resort, Mesa, Ariz. She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1946. She was retired from the Albion license branch and the Noble County Courthouse.

She was born July 13, 1928, in Churubusco to Arthur and Edith (Stroh) Bonar. On Sept. 14, 1947, in Albion, she married Donald C. Leatherman, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sheri and John Auld of Albion and Karen and Curt Mundon of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Cindy Leatherman of Albion; two sisters, Phyllis Carter of Albion and Joyce Thomas of Channelview, Texas; four brothers, J.C. and Stan Bonar, both of Albion, Dale Bonar of Loveland, Co., and Mike Bonar of Seattle, Wash.; 11 grandchildren, Marc Leatherman, Jamie Worman, Krista and Karlea Auld, Rhonda Dean, Cyra, Jace and Konrad Mundon, Rose Brown, Janene Kruse and Senior Airman Michelle Bellinger; six great-grandchildren, Sharlina and Camilla Dean, Devereaux and Kimberly Broan, Ryan Worman and Camryn Leatherman; and several nieces and nephews.

Elizabeth Neer

NORTH MANCHESTER — Elizabeth Ellen Neer, 102, died Wednesday at Peabody Healthcare Center, North Manchester.

She was born in Wabash.

Surviving are three grandchildren, Brent Neer of Cromwell, Brian Neer of West Lafayette and Deborah Ellen Fuwell of Pegett, Ark.; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Galen, in 1965, and a son.

Graveside services are 4 p.m. Sunday at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, North Manchester. Memorial services are 5 p.m. Sunday at Peabody Chapel, North Manchester.

There is no calling.

Arrangements are by Grandstaff-Hentgen Bender Chapel, North Manchester.

A sister, Louise, preceded him in death.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Asbury United Methodist Church, 605 E. Main St., Albion, with Pastor Austin Fergusson officiating. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home, Albion, with Order of the Eastern Star memorial services there at 7 p.m. Friday.

Lester Smith

MILFORD — Lester D. Smith, 71, died at 1:20 a.m. Wednesday, April 11, 2001, at Lakeland Rehabilitation and Health Care Center, Milford, after a two- to three-week illness.

He had lived in the area since 1969 and at the health care center for 11 months.

Mr. Smith

He was a former resident of Millersburg. He worked for Starcraft in Topeka for 10 years, and later worked at Rookwood in Goshen for over 10 years. He was raised by the Frank Herwick family. He was a member of Gospel Lighthouse Church.

He was born May 27, 1929, in Montpelier to Glen and Muriel (Schmit) Smith. On Feb. 4, 1956, i Fort Wayne, he married Betty M. Banning, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and John Stabler of Ligonier and Diane and Don Schmucker of New Paris; a son, Dean Smith of Goshen; a sister, Lula Penrod of Warren; a brother, Glen Smith of Bradenton, Fla.; nine grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

Three brothers, Thurl, Robert and Cletus Smith, preceded him in death.

Graveside services are 11 a.m. Friday at Brown Cemetery, Millersburg, with the Rev. Eli Schmucker officiating.

Calling is 5-8 p.m. today at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Memorials are to the church.

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Madeline Hall

KENDALLVILLE — Madeline M. Hall died at 8:22 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, 2001, at Hickory Creek at Kendallville nursing home.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for the **Rev. Harry Hashberger** were 11 a.m. Thursday, April 5, 2001, at Faith United Methodist Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. James Toole and Richard Frederick officiating.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Bob, Scott and Mike Hashberger, Jim Jones, Evan Collingsworth and Doug Black.

Honorary pallbearers were Dick Pontius, Tom Hart, Jim Mapes Sr., Bob Rogers and Jim Jacobs.

Arrangements were by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **Lauretta A. Welch** were 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 10, 2001, at Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker and the Rev. David Hogsett officiating.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jerry, James, Jeffrey, Jon and Joshua Luttman and Jacob Flynn.

Honorary pallbearers were Patrick Luttman, Addam Carmony, Philip Krohn, Duane Kastner and David Hall.

FORT WAYNE — Funeral services for **Naomi R. Trowbridge** were held Tuesday, April 10, 2001, at 10 a.m. at Faith United Methodist Church, Kendallville. The Rev. James Toole officiated.

Burial was in Woodruff Cemetery, LaGrange County.

Pallbearers were James and Matthew Robke, Robert and Mark Feller, and Don and Kurt Wolford.

Arrangements were by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

STURGIS, Mich. — Funeral services for **Margherita E. "Aunt Margh" Chapman** were held Tuesday, April 10, 2001, at 2 p.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

The Rev. Dan Lash of Weston Street Bible Church, Rome City, officiated.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

THE NEWS-SUN FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2001

Sylvia Young

CROMWELL — Sylvia J. "S[illegible]e" Young, 56, of Cromwell, died unexpectedly Wednesday, April 11, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

On Jan. 10, 1945, in Chicago, she was born to George and Margie (Wheatley) Ferguson Sr.

She had been a Noble County resident since 1959, having moved from Chicago. She worked at Kidd & Co. for 16 years, and most recently at Millennium Industries in Ligonier. She enjoyed crocheting and needlepoint.

Surviving are her mother, Margie Morgan of Wolcottville; four sons, Don Young of Knapp Lake, Kimmell, Michael Young of Bristol, and Clarence "Bill" Young and Richard Young, both of Cromwell; two daughters, Tammy Hartman of Wolcottville, and Lori Young of Syracuse; a stepson, Paul Young; a stepdaughter, Debra Pierce; two brothers, Chuck Ferguson of Cromwell, and Jim Ferguson of Edwardsburg, Ind.; 10 grandchildren; and a good friend, Virginia Johnson of Ligonier.

A brother, George Ferguson Jr., and a stepfather, Jack Morgan, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with Bishop Dr. Ignatius of the Charismatic Orthodox Church, Northern Diocese, officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Clyde Moore

KENDALLVILLE — Clyde Moore, 69, of Kendallville, died at 6:50 p.m. Sunday, April 8, 2001, in Heritage Park Nursing Home, Fort Wayne. He had been ill since November.

Mr. Moore had been in the nursing home since December, and had lived in Kendallville for 50 years, coming from Kentucky.

On Sept. 18, 1931, in Kentucky, he was born to Lee and Ellen (Wicker) Moore. In 1955 in Kendallville, he married June Smith. She preceded him in death on Oct. 3, 2000.

He was a retired core maker for Curto Foundry in Ligonier.

Surviving are two daughters, Janet Thomas of Fort Wayne and Barbara Ann March of Kendallville; one son, Larry Moore of Kendallville; six sisters, Flossie Strange of Ohio, Ethel Kline of Albion, Sue Louder, Bertha Bryant and Pam Hovarter, all of Kendallville, and Joyce Bodiger of Ligonier; two brothers, Cledis Wallen of Kendallville, and Claude Wallen of Auburn; seven grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Services were held Thursday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with Ellis Crum officiating. Burial was in Embrey Cemetery near Garrett.

Pallbearers were Larry Moore, Eric Moore, Jeremy March, Cledis Wallen, Claude Wallen and Bill Bryant.

Albertha Johnloz

FORT WAYNE — Albertha E. Johnloz, 94, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, April 11, 2001, at Regency Place, Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was the sample lady for Wayne Candies, retiring in 1966 after 29 years of service. She was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Surviving are three granddaughters, Renee Howard of Avilla, Michelle Wibel of Fort Wayne, and Sharon Hood of California; a daughter-in-law, Patricia Johnloz of Fort Wayne; and five great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Charles B. Johnloz Sr., a son, Charles Johnloz Jr., and a daughter, Jean Boitet-DiFilippo, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Redeemer Lutheran Church, 202 W. Rudisill Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46807, or Alzheimer's Association, 919 E. Jefferson Blvd., Suite 1, South Bend, IN 46617.

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Madeline Hall

KENDALLVILLE — Madeline M. Hall, 98, of Kendallville, died at 8:22 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, 2001, in Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Kendallville.

On Dec. 26, 1902, in New Haven, she was born to John and Mary (Wickelman) Jacquay. She married Sylvester Sorg, who preceded her in death in 1958. She then married Ward Hall, who preceded her in death in 1969.

She was retired as a civilian secretary with the U.S. Department of the Navy, and was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville.

Surviving are one son, George Sorg of Hudson; one daughter, Marion Gilpin of Aurora, Colo.; one brother, Walter Jacquay of Buchanan, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Three brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Father Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Huntington, with Father Gary Sigler officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Masses at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville.

Stella Ritchie

KIMMELL — Stella Louise Ritchie, 45, of Kimmell, died at 10:20 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, 2001, at her home.

On Jan. 4, 1956, in Floyd, Ky., she was born to Sterling and Carol (Hicks) Isaac. She married Charles Ritchie on Sept. 1, 1995, in Albion. He survives.

She worked at Nisco for four years and Ligonier Rubber for 19 years, and was a member of Community Baptist Church.

Surviving in addition to her husband are her mother, Carol Isaac; a daughter, Sheila Carol Rasnak of Ligonier; a sister, Lula Gorerro of Glendale, Calif.; two brothers, Jeff Isaac of Albion, and Sterling Isaac Jr. of Knott County, Ky.; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Her father preceded her in death on Jan. 10, 1986.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Donald Jennings

HOWE — Funeral services are pending for Donald L. Jennings, 90, of Howe, who died at 9:25 a.m. Thursday, April 12, 2001, in Vencor Hospital — LaGrange.

Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe is in charge of arrangements.

Gladys Freed

PLANT CITY, Fla. — Gladys S. Freed, 90, of Plant City, Fla., died recently in Plant City.

Born in Pierceton, Ind., on April 17, 1910, she later moved to Plant City.

She was a licensed practical nurse, and a member of the Eastern Star of Angola Chapter No. 78, and Hope Lutheran Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara Wagner of Plant City, Fla., and Carol Roe of Rome City; three sons, James Berger of Fort Wayne, Jerry Berger of Churubusco, and Robert Berger of Great Falls, Mont.; four stepdaughters, Lois Nelson of Fremont, Ind., Phyllis Pendergrass of Anaheim, Calif., Joyce Raifsnider of Sturgis, Mich., and Jeanine Putman of Fort Wayne; 39 grandchildren; 90 great-grandchildren; and 52 great-great grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Prairie Grove Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

THE NEWS-SUN SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2001

Donald Jennings

HOWE — Donald Leland Jennings, 90, died Thursday, April 12, 2001, at Vencor Hospital — LaGrange.

He attended DePaw University for two years and graduated from Indiana University. He worked in business finance, traveling with his wife all over the world. In 1971 they retired to the family farm in Brighton where he was born. He was a Sigma Chi, an elder of Lima Presbyterian Church, and a member of the Exchange Club and the Howe Lions club. After retirement he donated his professional skills the the International Executive Service Corp.

He was born April 24, 1910, in Brighton to O. E. and Ella Mae (Hopkins) Jennings. On Sept. 7, 1934 he married Mary Beth Perkins of Brushy Prairie, who preceded him in death April 22, 2000.

Two brothers, Virgil W. and Vernal W. Jennings, preceded him in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Ann Isbrandt of Howe and Kathleen Elzey of Elgin, Ill.; a son and daughter-in-law, Laurent and Brenda Jennings of Howe; 11 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Monday at Lima Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Diane Cusmano officiating. Burial will be at Brighton Chapel Cemetery.

Calling is 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe, and 9-10 a.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Richard Chamberlain Sr.

CAMBRIA TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Richard C. Chamberlain Sr., 76, died Thursday, April 12, 2001, in Lenawee County, Mich.

He was a conductor and brakeman for the railroad for 39 years. He served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Reading, Mich., American Legion, the VFW, the Masonic Lodge and the Montpelier, Ohio, Eagles Lodge.

He was born Aug. 17, 1924, in Williams County, Ohio, to Clarence and Katherine (Marks) Chamberlain. On May 17, 1952, he married Marion C. Brock, who preceded him in death in 1989.

Five brothers, a granddaughter and a great-granddaughter also preceded him in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Diane and Jerry Mackey and LaJeana and Henry Draper, all of Howe; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard Chamberlain Jr. and Denise Chamberlain of Hastings, Mich.; a brother, Vincent "Hank" Chamberlain of Homer, Mich.; eight grandchildren; a stepgrandchild; and three great-grandsons.

Services are 1 p.m. Tuesday at George White Funeral Home, Reading, Mich., with the Rev. Alan Fenstermaker officiating. Burial with military rites by the Reading American Legion and the VFW will be at Cambria Cemetery 2.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

THE NEWS-SUN SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2001

Mary Etta Shrock

TOPEKA — Mary Etta Shrock, 68, died Friday, April 13, 2001, at 2:45 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne. She had been ill with cancer since November.

Shrock

Mrs. Shrock had worked at the Topeka Auction Restaurant, and later at Tiffany's Restaurant in Topeka. She was active in the Emma Mennonite Church food committee, taught Sunday school and sang in the Melody Six. She was a lifelong area resident, wintering since 1943 in Sarasota, Fla., and attending the Bayshore Church in Sarasota.

She was born in Topeka on Nov. 7, 1932, to Harold and Violetta (Yoder) Mishler. Her father preceded her in death in 1977. Her mother survives in Topeka.

She married Mose Shrock Jr. on Nov. 3, 1956, in Emma Mennonite Church. He survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Lorene and Greg Schrock of Topeka; three sons and two daughters-in-law, LaMar and Lisa Shrock of Topeka, Leon and Michelle Shrock of Wolcottville, and LaVon Shrock of Topeka; one brother, Stanley Mishler of LaGrange; and two grandchildren, Andrea and Austin Shrock.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Emma Mennonite Church, with the Rev. Gene Hartman and Mrs. Shrock's son-in-law, Greg Schrock, officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling is today from 5-8 p.m. and Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society or the Emma Mennonite Church.

LaVon Breidenbaugh

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — LaVon B. Breidenbaugh, 86, died Saturday, April 14, 2001, at 2:40 a.m. in Harborside Health Care at Bryan, Ohio.

He owned and operated Breidenbaugh Tractor Sales in Hicksville and farmed all his life until his retirement.

Mr. Breidenbaugh was a member of Saint Michael Catholic Church in Hicksville, where he served on the parish council and was a Eucharistic minister and an usher.

He was born July 23, 1914, in Defiance County, Ohio, to Henry L. and Agnes Trembley Breidenbaugh.

He married Lillian Mary Arend on April 24, 1939, in Hicksville. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Sandra Redden of Harlan; three sons, Robert and Edward, both of Hicksville, and Paul of Ney, Ohio; eight grandchilden; seven great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Anna Rose Bradford of Indianapolis, Ruth Dailey of Angola and Marie Blankenship of Kalamazoo, Mich.

He was preceded in death by two daughters, Bernadette Adiego and Paula Breidenbaugh, and one sister, Grace Moser.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at Saint Michael Catholic Church in Hicksville. The Rev. Thomas Oedy will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is Tuesday after 1 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 p.m., and Wednesday after 7 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville (all Indiana times).

Memorials are to the Saint Michael Renovation Fund or a charity of the donor's choice.

Jean Henkenius

DECATUR — Jean M. Henkenius, 66, died Friday, April 13, 2001, at Adams County Memorial Hospital in Decatur.

She was born in Adams County and worked as a nurse with Dr. Norval Rich at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne for 19 years. She also worked as a nurse in Caylor-Nickel Center and Adams County Memorial Hospital.

Surviving are her husband, Charles "Hank" G. Henkenius; two daughters, Glenda Henkenius of Mesa, Ariz., and Pam Girod of Decatur; two sons, Leo P. and Brian M., both of Decatur; three sisters, Carole Lieberenz of Kendallville, Marty Kohne of Hoagland and Mary Baker of Decatur; three brothers, Dave and Mike Kable, both of Decatur, and Dan Kable of Monroe; and seven grandchildren.

A prayer service will be held Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, followed by a mass of christian burial at 10 a.m. in St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, Decatur. Burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Decatur.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home, with rosary service at 4:30 p.m. and a Moose memorial service at 7:45 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School or Bishop Luers girls softball.

THE NEWS-SUN MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2001

Shipshewana teacher Elizabeth Parsons, 50, dies in Florida

GRANGER — Elizabeth A. "Betsy" Parsons, 50, of Granger, a teacher at Shipshewana-Scott Elementary School in Shipshewana, died at 8:55 a.m. Thursday, April 5, 2001, in South Miami Hospital, Miami, Fla., of injuries sustained in a mo-ped accident Tuesday, April 3, while vacationing in Cozumel, Mexico.

She was born Sept. 7, 1950, in Springfield, Ill., to Harold and Vera (Hagerbaumer) Wegehoft. She was employed by Westview School Corp. as a teacher at Shipshewana-Scott Elementary School in Shipshewana. She was a 1968 graduate of Goshen High School, where she was a member of the National Honor Society and was a majorette with the marching band. She received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Ball State University, Muncie, and her master's degree in elementary education from Indiana University at South Bend. She was a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority and a very active member in the Junior League of South Bend. One of the great passions of her life was her horses, which she raised and rode.

On Feb. 23, 1974, in Goshen, she married Douglas G. Parsons, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Kevin and Jeffrey Parsons, at home; her mother, Vera Wegehoft of Goshen; three sisters, Barbara Howell of Bloomington, Linda Kent of Detroit, and Lisa Sorg of Goshen; and one brother, William Wegehoft of Mishawaka.

The funeral was Wednesday in Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, South Bend, with the Rev. Daniel A. Streufert officiating.

Burial was in St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park, Granger.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital or South Bend Center for the Homeless.

Arrangements were through Welsheimer Funeral Home, South Bend.

Mildred Leazier

CHURUBUSCO — Mildred E. Leazier, 95, died at 8:03 p.m. Sunday, April 15, 2001, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient since Tuesday.

She was a resident of rural Churubusco.

Among survivors are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Marilyn Leazier of Churubusco; and two daughters and sons-in-law, Bonnie and William Kimmell and Peg and Richard Lemish, all of Churubusco.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **Madeline M. Hall** were at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 14, 2001, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville with Father Jacob Gall officiating.

Burial was at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Huntington, with Father Gary Sigler officiating.

Pallbearers were Marlin Gill, Dave and Josh Williams, Kirk Johnson, Wes Sorg and Carl Bach.

THE NEWS-SUN TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2001

Olive Griffith

LIGONIER — Olive I. Griffith, 75, died at 12:13 p.m. Monday, April 16, 2001, in the emergency room of Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health for the last three years.

The Fort Wayne resident formerly lived in Ligonier from 1962 to 1999, coming from Kentucky. Before moving to Fort Wayne, she had most recently lived in Auburn. She was a homemaker who enjoyed crocheting and was a baby sitter to many children in Ligonier.

She was born Aug. 26, 1925, in Knott County, Ky., to Robert and Fanny (Hale) Patton. On Oct. 7, 1942, in Prestonsberg, Ky., she married Kendall C. Griffith, who preceded her in death in 1980.

A daughter, Carmeline Griffith, a brother, Robert Patton Jr., and a sister, Audrey Noel, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Buford V. and Phyllis Griffith, James O. Griffith and Kenneth Griffith, all of Ligonier; two daughters and a son-in-law, Oma and Flem Messer of Ligonier and Wendy R. Griffith of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Ella Marie Wells of Columbus, Ohio, and Louise Armathee of Fort Worth, Texas; two half sisters, Marna Francis and Phyllis Handshoe, both of Hazard, Ky.; three half brothers, Norman Griffith of Maro, Ohio, Arnold Griffith of Wayland, Ky., and Michael Griffith of Auburn; 13 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by Karen E. and Misty Johnson, whom she thought of as daughters, both of Fort Wayne.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Jimmy Shepherd officiating. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The family requests no flowers be sent.

Mildred Leazier

CHURUBUSCO — Mildred E. Leazier, 95, died at 8:03 p.m. Sunday, April 15, 2001, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient since April 10.

Mrs. Leazier

As a child she moved to the area with her parents. She graduated from Coesse High School in 1924. She moved from Fort Wayne to her most recent home in Eel River Township, Allen County, in 1945. She was a 40-year employee of General Electric, Fort Wayne, retiring from there in 1968. She was a member of Churubusco Church of the Nazarene and the General Electric ELEX Club.

She was born April 1, 1906, at Grass Creek, Fulton County, to William H. and Clara B. (Torrence) Thomas. In 1927 she married Bernard B. Leazier, who preceded her in death in 1940. In 1954 she married Lester R. Leazier, who preceded her in death June 12, 1957.

Three brothers and four sisters also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Marilyn Leazier of Churubusco; two daughters and sons-in-law, Bonnie and William Kimmel, and Peggy and Richard Lemish, all of Churubusco; a brother, Merl Thomas of Bluffton; nine grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Churubusco Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Paul D. White officiating. Burial will be at Riverview Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and Thursday at the church an hour before services.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

The following obituary is being reprinted to provide additional information.

Richard Chamberlain Sr.

CAMBRIA TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Richard C. Chamberlain Sr., 76, died Thursday, April 12, 2001, in Lenawee County, Mich.

He was a conductor and brakeman for the railroad for 39 years. He served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Reading, Mich., American Legion, the VFW, the Masonic Lodge and the Montpelier, Ohio, Eagles Lodge.

He was born Aug. 17, 1924, in Williams County, Ohio, to Clarence and Katherine (Marks) Chamberlain. On May 17, 1952, he married Marion C. Brock, who preceded him in death in 1989.

Five brothers, a granddaughter and a great-granddaughter also preceded him in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Diane and Jerry Mackey and LaJeana and Henry Draper, all of Howe; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard Chamberlain Jr. and Denise Chamberlain of Hastings, Mich.; two brothers, Vincent "Hank" Chamberlain of Homer, Mich., and Relmond Chamberlain of White Pigeon, Mich.; eight grandchildren; a stepgrandchild; and three great-grandsons.

Services were 1 p.m. today at George White Funeral Home, Reading, Mich., with the Rev. Alan Fenstermaker officiating. Burial with military rites by the Reading American Legion and the VFW was at Cambria Cemetery 2.

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Robert Hunsberger

HOWE — Robert J. Hunsberger, 62, died Sunday, April 15, 2001, at Vencor Hospital — LaGrange.

He retired from NIPSCO in 1997 and was currently working at Schlemmer Hardware, LaGrange.

He was born Dec. 15, 1938, in Bremen to James and Chloe (Wilson) Hunsberger. On June 26, 1981, in Elkhart, he married Marsha Cleveland, who survives in Howe.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Laurie and Howard Yoder, and Tammy and Merv Borkholder, all of Bremen, Sherie and Jim Moren of Plymouth, and Penny and Jeremy Conway of Etna Green; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Robert Jr. and Retha Hunsberger of Etna Green, Dave and Donna Hunsberger of Nappanee and Brad Hunsberger of Howe; a stepdaughter, Wendy Cleveland of Topeka; a stepson and his wife, Tim and Heather Cleveland of Rome City; a brother, Richard Hunsberger of Bremen; a sister, Janet Mosurak of Nappanee; and 20 grandchildren.

A brother, Donald Hunsberger, preceded him in death.

Memorial services are 1 p.m. Wednesday at LaGrange Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Eugene Sommer officiating. Cremation has taken place.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements are by Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe.

Helen Douglas

ROME CITY — Helen M. Douglas, 80, died at 9:16 a.m. Monday, April 16, 2001, at her residence.

She had lived in the area for 40 years, moving from California. She was a payroll clerk for North American/Phillips. She was a member of St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City, and Rome City American Legion Post 381. She was a veteran of the U.S. Navy in World War II.

She was born Sept. 4, 1920, in Fort Wayne to Paul and Loretta (Zuber) Stein. Her father preceded her in death, and her mother survives in Rome City. On Nov. 11, 1967, in Rome City, she married Alan Douglas, who survives there.

Also surviving are a stepdaughter, Tammie Spicher of Goshen, and two stepgranddaughters, Sarah and Denise Lehman of Goshen.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Gaspar Catholic Church with the Rev. Charles Mullen officiating. Burial will be at St. Gaspar Cemetery, Rome City.

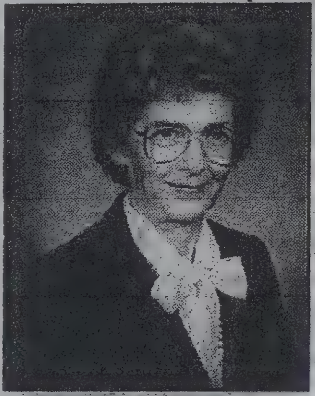
Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, and Thursday at the church an hour before services. Rosary services are 6 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Masses or to the church.

ALBION NEW ERA April 18, 2001

Barbara I. Leatherman, 72

ALBION - Barbara I. Leatherman died at 10:17 a.m. Tuesday, April 10, 2001 in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne of complications resulting from an injury received in El Reno, Oklahoma.



Barbara was devoted to her family, enjoyed crocheting, reading, and the outdoors. She was past matron and 53 year member of Prentiss Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, a member of Tri Kappa, a member of Asbury United Methodist Church, she volunteered in the Oncology Department of the former McCray Memorial Hospital, participated in Noble County Relay for Life, and was active in Good Life Mobile Home Resort of Mesa, AR.

She was born in Churubusco on July 13, 1928 to Arthur and Edith (Stroh) Bonar. She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1946.

On September 14, 1947 in Albion she married Donald C. Leatherman. She retired from the Albion License Branch and had worked at the Noble County Court House.

Survivors include: her husband, Donald C. Leatherman of Albion; two daughters and son-in-laws, Sheri and John Auld of Albion; Karen and Curt Mundon of Kendallville; one son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Cindy Leatherman of Albion; two sisters, Phyllis Carter of Albion and Joyce Thomas of Channelview, Texas; four brothers, J. C. Bonar and Stan Bonar both of Albion, Dale Bonar of Loveland CO and Mike Bonar of Seattle WA; grandchildren, Marc Leatherman, Jamie Worman, Krista Auld, Karlea Auld, Rhonda Dean, Cyra Mundon, Jace Mundon, Konrad Mundon, Rose Brown, Janene Kruse and Sr. Airman Michelle Bellinger; great grandchildren, Sharlina Dean, Camilla Dean, Devareaux Brown, Kimberly Brown, Ryan Worman and Camryn Leatherman; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Louise.

Services were held on Saturday, April 14, 2001 in Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion with Pastor Austin Fergusson officiating. Burial followed in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Kathleen Pollitt

ALBION -- Kathleen Mae Pollitt, 78, of Albion died Tuesday, April 10, 2001, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

The Fort Wayne native retired in 1978 from Chamberlain Products.

Surviving are her husband, George A. Sr.; sons, George A. Jr. of Albion, Robert A. of Brookville, Ky., and Richard Conrow of Churubusco; a daughter, Kathryn J. Stevens of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Cheryl Webster of Whitehorn, Calif. and Shirley Harris of Wabash; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services were Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Burial was at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials are to donor's choice.

Mable B. Young

WOLF LAKE — Mable B. Young, 86, of Wolf Lake, died at 8:45 a.m., Tuesday, April 17, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City, where she had been a resident since Friday, April 13.

Mrs. Young was born December 21, 1914, in Noble County Indiana, a daughter of Jonathan and Pearl Todd Hontz. She graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

She was united in marriage to Wilford J. Young on August 13, 1936. They resided in Noble County, moving to Wolf Lake in 1944. Mr. Young died January 11, 1985.

Mrs. Young was a homemaker, and a cook at Wolf Lake School. She was a member of Wolf Lake Baptist Church.

Surviving are two sons, Wilford O Young and his wife, Sharon, of Columbia City, and Max E. Young and his wife Carol, of Albion; a daughter Mrs. Thomas (Mary Anna) Stump of Avilla; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Thomas Hontz of Columbia City, and Dale Hontz of Etna; and two sisters, Mary Harmon of Warsaw, and Erma Stump of Ligonier.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Kade Carpenter, and three sisters, Neva Rebman, Mildred Stump, and Cleo Trimmer.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 20, at the funeral home with pastor Dan Carlson of Wolf Lake Baptist Church, officiating. The burial will be in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Memorials may be made to Wolf Lake Baptist Church.

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Stella Ritchie, 45

KIMMELL-Stella Louise Ritchie, 45, Kimmell, died at 10:20 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, 2001, at her home.

On Jan. 4, 1956, in Floyd, Ky., she was born to Sterling and Carol (Hicks) Isaac. She married Charles Ritchie on Sept. 1, 1995, in Albion. He survives.

She worked at Nisco for four years and Ligonier Rubber for 19 years, and was a member of Community Baptist Church.

Surviving in addition to her husband are her mother, Carol Isaac; a daughter, Sheila Carol Rasnak of Ligonier; a sister, Lula Gorerro of Glendale, Calif.; two brothers, Jeff Isaac of Albion, and Sterling Isaac Jr. of Knott County, Ky.; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Her father preceded her in death on Jan. 10, 1986.

Services were held on Sunday, April 15, 2001 in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

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Mable Young

WOLF LAKE — Mable B. Young, 86, died Tuesday, April 17, 2001, at 8:45 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City, where she had resided since April 13.

Mrs. Young was named grand marshal of the 2000 Wolf Lake Onion Days Festival.

She was a homemaker and a cook at Wolf Lake School. Mrs. Young was a former longtime employee of Lyall Electric in Albion and had worked for Essex Wire in Ligonier.

Mrs. Young

Mrs. Young was an active member of Wolf Lake Baptist Church where she was a Sunday school teacher for many years.

Mrs. Young was born Dec. 21, 1914, in Noble County to Jonathon and Pearl (Todd) Hontz. She grew up in Washington Township, and attended Brushwood and Washington Center schools. She then attended Etna for three years and graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

She married Wilford J. Young on Aug. 13, 1936, and he died Jan. 11, 1985.

Also preceeding her in death was a brother, Kade Carpenter, and three sisters, Neva Rebman, Mildred Stump and Cleo Trimmer.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Wilford O. and Sharon Young of Columbia City and Max E. and Carol Young of Albion; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Anna and Thomas Stump of Avilla; two brothers, Thomas Hontz of Columbia City and Dale Hontz of Etna; two sisters, Mary Harmon of Warsaw and Erma Stump of Ligonier; eight grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services are Friday 11 a.m. at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Pastor Dan Carlson of Wolf Lake Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

Lizzie Shrock

LAGRANGE — Lizzie Ann Shrock, 106, of LaGrange, died at 1:10 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, 2001, at home.

She was a homemaker who lived all her life in LaGrange County. She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born May 18, 1894, in LaGrange County to Tobias V. and Mattie (Yoder) Yoder. On Jan. 23, 1913, in LaGrange County she married Emmanuel P. Miller, who preceded her in death Dec. 24, 1943. On May 29, 1966, in LaGrange County she married Elmer E. Schrock, who preceded her in death April 1, 1982.

Two sons, Joas E. and Tobie Miller, and two daughters Mima and Mattie Yoder, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Alta Marie Hochstetler of Middlebury and Mary Elizabeth Kim of Detroit, Mich.; a son, Enos Miller of LaGrange; a stepdaughter, Mary Miller of Howe; four stepsons, Ralph Schrock of LaGrange, Lester Schrock of Shipshewana, Delbert Schrock of Topeka and Mose Schrock of Morley, Mich.; a brother, Milo Yoder of Carlsbad, N.M.; 25 grandchildren; 131 great-grandchildren; 206 great-great-grandchildren; and three great-great-great-grandchildren.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Tobie E. Miller residence, 200S—1255W, LaGrange, with the Revs. John Lehman and John Hochstetler officiating. Burial will be at Miller Cemetery, 300W—350S, LaGrange.

Calling is tonight and all day Thursday at the family residence, 300S—1175W, LaGrange.

Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Johana Kelley

SEATTLE, Wash. — Johana O. Kelley, 61, died at home in Seattle Monday, April 9, 2001.

She lived in Shoreline, Wash., the past 35 years, and formerly lived in Ashley. She was employed as a waitress-bartender for many years. She was a member of the Eagles and American Legion in Seattle.

She was born Aug. 29, 1939, in Seattle to Rolland and Grace (Waterer) Somers, who preceded her in death.

Also preceding her in death were her husband, Robert Kelley, in 1976; two sons, Terry and Gary Cox; two grandchildren, Robbie Joe and Anne Marie Evers; two brothers, Stan Kimberling and Charles Somers; a sister, Veronica Somers; and her stepmother, Betty Somers.

Surviving are four sons, Richard Kelley of Florida, Jim Kelley of Fort Wayne, and Lonnie Cox and Robert Kelley, both of Seattle; four daughters, Kim Allen of Minnesota, Mickie Downend of Fort Wayne, Jerri Evers of Hudson and Sheila Van Dyke of Seattle; four sisters, Winona Rush and Diane Everhart, both of Washington, Glenda Kimberling of New Jersey and Edith Ann Perdue of California; four brothers, Tony and Jerry Kimberling, both of Washington, Jim Kimberling of California and Mike Kimberling of Florida; her stepfather, John Everhart of Washington; 22 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Graveside services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Pleasant Lake Cemetery with the Rev. Ken Ludwig officiating.

Calling is at the cemetery an hour before services.

Arrangements are by Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

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Cathy Hoffman

LAGRANGE — Cathy L. Hoffman, 48, of LaGrange, died at 8 a.m. Tuesday, April 17, 2001, at home.

She lived all her life in LaGrange. She was a homemaker.

She was born Dec. 16, 1952, in LaGrange to William E. and Ireta J. (Stevens) Miller, who survive in Howe. On Oct. 10, 1982, in LaGrange she married William H. Hoffman, who survives.

Also surviving are a stepdaughter and her husband, Debrah and John Leek of Mesa, Ariz.; two stepsons, Matthew Hoffman of Texas and Raymond H. Hoffman of Pendelton, N.C.; four sisters, Connie Boggs of LaGrange, Pamela Swihart of Howe, Penny Krug of South Bend and Janet Miller of Logansport; and two stepgrandchildren.

A brother, Billy C. Miller, preceded her in death on June 2, 1990.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Ronald E. Drake officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Services Held

CROMWELL — Funeral Services for Sylvia J. "Sue" Young, 56, were held 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 17, 2001, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating.

Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Pallbearers were Don, Michael, Clarence "Bill" and Richard Young, Mike DeMorrow and Rick Johnson.

Eugene Kolb

NEY, Ohio — Eugene F. Kolb, 75, of Ney, died Monday, April 16, 2001, at home.

He retired in 1998 as a farmer and milk hauler. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II. He was a member of Marysdale Catholic Church in Ney and the Ney American Legion.

He was born Dec. 25, 1925, in Evansport, Ohio, to Leo and Mildred (Mangas) Kolb. On April 23, 1949 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hicksville, Ohio, he married Jenny Wonderly, who survives.

Surviving are seven sons, Tim Kolb of Kendallville, Ron, Steve Jim and Bob Kolb, all of Ney, Terry Kolb of Bryan, Ohio, and Lester Kolb of Sherwood; two daughters, Mary Oberlin of Bryan and Patty Gilfoil of Santee, Calif.; two sisters, Madonna Koenn of Cecil, Ohio, and Mary Lou Mandly of Ney; 14 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Funeral mass is 9 a.m. Indiana time Friday at Marysdale Catholic Church, Ney, with Father William Martin officiating. Burial will be at Riverview Memory Gardens, Defiance, with military graveside services by the Ney American Legion.

Calling is after 1 p.m. Indiana time Thursday at Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with prayer services at 7 p.m. Indiana time.

Memorials are to Defiance County Hospice or donor's choice.

J.C. Hawk

MERRIAM — J. C. Hawk, widely-acquainted resident of the Merriam area, died at 11:40 p.m., Tuesday, April 17, 2001, at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne. He had been a patient there for a week.

Among the surviving relatives is his wife, Violet.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco.

J.C. Hawk

MERRIAM — J.C. Hawk, 83, died at 11:40 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, 2001, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne, after entering there a week ago. He had been in declining health the past two years.

He was a Merriam-area resident who lived his entire married life in the Merriam area and had resided at his present home for 26 years. He graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1936. He operated Hawk's Service Station in Merriam for 42 years, retiring in 1980. As a young man he attended Merriam Christian Chapel and was a member of Blue River Church of the Brethren in Whitley County for most of his adult life. He was one of the founders of the Wolf Lake Little League program, and was the assistant manager of the Wolf Lake Pirates, an adult independent basketball team. He was the director of the ministry program for the Chain O' Lakes Youth Rehabilitation Camp near Albion for 18 years.

Mr. Hawk

He was born July 23, 1917, in Merriam to Florin and Ethel (Kepford) Hawk. On June 17, 1939, near Merriam, he married Violet Zumbrun, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Kay Ann Hawk of Fort Wayne; a grandson, Nathaniel Hawk of Albuquerque, N.M.; an uncle, Woodward Hark of Ligonier; and a cousin, Sharon Hendrickson of Lowell.

A son, Terry L. Hawk, preceded him in death July 20, 1976.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Blue River Church of the Brethren with its pastor, the Rev. Craig Alan Myers, officiating. Burial will be at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. Friday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and at the church Saturday an hour before services.

Memorials are to the Blue River Church of the Brethren missions fund or Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Evelyn Fair

FORT WAYNE — Evelyn M. Fair, 96, died Sunday, April 15, 2001, at Regency Place.

The Rome City native retired in 1976 from sales at Fishman's Dress Shop after 22 years.

Surviving are two sons, William Fair of Clear Lake and Richard Fair of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Her husband, George A. Fair, preceded her in death in 1992.

Services are 2 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is at the church Friday two hours before services.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

Esther Schmidt

FORT WAYNE — Esther "Babe" Scheiber Schmidt, 81, died Tuesday, April 17, 2001, at home.

The Huntington County native was a homemaker and the organizer of the Old Misfits Band in 1952.

Surviving are four sons, Thomas Schmidt of Kendallville, Edward Schmidt of Hoagland, Stanley Schmidt of Monroeville and Richard Schmidt of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Yvonne Denny of Kendallville and Kathleen Blitz of Pierceton; a stepdaughter, Loretta Ann Thomas of Ege; a sister, Rozella "Rosie" Wolfe of Columbia City; 19 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and nine stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sylvester A. Schmidt, in 1983, and a daughter, Elaine Rice.

Prayer services are 10 a.m. Friday at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St. Mass of Christian Burial is 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 2610 New Haven Ave. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home, with a rosary there at 3 p.m. today.

Memorials are to Masses.

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Laurette Steinbacher

LIGONIER — Laurette M. Williams Steinbacher, 41, died Wednesday, April 18, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Elkhart native formerly worked as director of The Music Store, Union Mills.

Surviving are her husband, Charlie Steinbacher; her mother, Dolores Jamison of Goshen; a sister, Mary Alice Pettifor of Goshen; two stepsons, Jeremiah and Nathan Steinbacher, both of Bloomington; and a stepbrother, Larry Jamison of South Bend.

Memorial and rosary services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Billings Funeral Home, Elkhart.

Calling is 1-7 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Betty Hoffman

ALBION — Betty L. Hoffman, 71, was found dead Thursday afternoon, April 19, 2001, at home. Although she was in declining health, her death was unexpected.

She was a resident of Albion and a longtime resident of Noble County.

Her husband, George J. Hoffman, preceded her in death Aug. 9, 1988.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Robert Baker

GARRETT — Robert A. Baker, 65, died at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, 2001, at home.

He was a broadcast farm news director for 16 years, working at KOEL in Oelwine, Iowa. He was a past chaplain for the Ligonier American Legion and a lay pastor for a Presbyterian church in Mauston, Wis. He was a member of New Life Ministries, Garrett. He was a champion rodeo rider. He had lived in Garrett four years.

He was born July 10, 1935, in Muscoda, Wis., to Mr. Baker and Myrtle (Flinn) Baker. On Nov. 6, 1993, in Garrett, he married Lynda D. (Hart) Payton, who survives there.

Also surviving are four sons, Alan Baker of Kalamazoo, Mich., Jeffrey Baker of Goshen, Timothy B. Baker of Cadiz, Ky., and Darin Baker of Rochester, Minn.; three daughters, Karen Mason of Nappanee, Laura Ludwig of Baileyville, Ill., and Valerie Fry of Kendallville; two sisters, Marvel Norton of Jacksonville, Fla., and Elaine Mensber of Statesville, N.C.; a brother, Earl Baker of Hebar, Ariz.; 17 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Christa Baker, two stillborn children and a sister, Mary McAlpin, preceded him in death.

Graveside services are 1 p.m. Monday at Buela Cemetery, Topeka, with Pastor Lane Andrews officiating and military services by the Ligonier American Legion.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the family.

Services Held

ROME CITY — Funeral services for **Helen M. Douglas** were 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 19, 2001, at St. Gaspar's Catholic Church with the Rev. Charles Mullen officiating.

Burial was at St. Gaspar Cemetery, Rome City.

Pallbearers were Phillip Millus, Don Sipich, Duane Davis and Monte Umbaugh.

Arrangements were by **Hutchins** Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

FORT WAYNE — Funeral services for former Ligonier resident **Olive I. Griffith** were 11 a.m. Thursday, April 19, 2001, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home with the Rev. Jimmy Shepherd officiating.

Burial was at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Pallbearers were Rick Johnson; Shane, Jimmy, Travis and Johnny Griffith; and David Messer.

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Gilbert Cole

ALBION — Gilbert Lester Cole, 83, of Albion, died at 1:34 a.m. Friday, April 20, 2001, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cole was a retired dairy farmer. He worked 27 years at General Electric, and owned Hilltop Drive-In Restaurant. A U.S. Army veteran, he served in Germany and earned the Purple Heart medal of honor. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church of Albion and a member of American Legion Post 246 in Albion. He also served as a Noble County Sheriff reserve officer.

He was born March 24, 1918, in Albion, to Charles and Etta (Lozier) Cole.

On Feb. 24, 1940, he married June Belle Sapp in Brimfield. She died June 17, 1989.

Also preceding him in death were his parents; two sisters, Helen Bradley and Grace Barcus; and two brothers, Lloyd and Charles Cole.

Mr. Cole is survived by three daughters, Kay Cole-Meyer and Linda Cole, both of Schamburg, Ill., and Nancy Garner of Albion; a grandson, Shawn Garner of Albion; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in Trinity United Methodist Church, 706 N. Orange St., Albion, with the Rev. Brenda Ginder officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam, with military graveside rites by Albion American Legion Post 246.

Calling is Monday from 2 to 7 p.m. in Orr Funeral Home in Albion, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday in the church.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church, 706 N. Orange St., Albion, IN 46701.

James Kief

LIGONIER — James E. Kief, 71, of Ligonier, died at 4:15 p.m. Friday, April 20, 2001, in his home. He had been ill since last November.

Mr. Kief had lived in Ligonier for more than 50 years. He was an electrician at the Rockwood Corporation and served in the Navy during the Korean War. He was a member of the West Noble American Legion post.

He was born Jan. 18, 1930, in South Bend to Arthur and Hester (Beckner) Kief.

On June 27, 1964, he married Barbara (Staton) in Ligonier. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Jon Kief of Columbia City and Joe Johnson of Syracuse; a daughter, Kellie Kief of Ligonier; a brother, Darold Kief of Auburn; a sister, Betty Snider of Elkhart; and five grandchildren, J.J., Jeremy, Jordan, Jared and Jed.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Bernard.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. James Farrer officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery where graveside military services will be held.

Calling is Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Winifred Lay-Kerzan

FORT WAYNE — Winifred "Wynne" M. Lay-Kerzan, 86, died Thursday, April 19, 2001, at Arbors at Fort Wayne.

Born in England, she had been employed with Kendallville Hospital for 14 1/2 years and Kraft Foods in Kendallville for 14 1/2 years. She retired in 1970 as a nurse in a private doctor's office in Chicago. She was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church.

Mrs. Lay-Kerzan is survived by three sons, Terrance Lay of Phoenix, Ariz., Norman Lay and Colin Lay, both of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Anne Dellinger and Susan Worrel, both of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, one step-granddaughter and two step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Joseph W. Lay in 1950, and her second husband, Rudolph P. Kerzan in 1976.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Graveside services will be held at 4 p.m. Monday at Lakeview Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Disease Family Support Group.

Eleanor Waltz

NOBLESVILLE — Eleanor Mae (Tritch) Waltz, 73, died Thursday, April 19, 2001, in Riverview Hospital, Noblesville.

She was employed at L.S. Ayres department store as a receptionist in the alterations department. She worked there for seven years.

A 1945 graduate of Arsenal Tech High School, she was a long-time Sunday school and summer Bible school teacher and a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Noblesville.

Mrs. Waltz was very active in many community organizations. Recently she was active in the Hamilton County Society for the Disabled. For many years she served on the Riverview Hospital Auxiliary where was a volunteer for the gift cart. She delivered Meals on Wheels in Hamilton County and was active with the organization for 15 years. She also volunteered for the Noblesville Boys & Girls Club Auxiliary and was an associate member of the Delta Theta Tau Sorority. She was an active member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, serving as its president for many years. She also was a member of the Martha Society of Christ service organization and served on the Christ Lutheran Cheer Committee.

She was born July 20, 1927, in Kendallville, to Arthur and Lois (Rauh) Tritch.

Mrs. Waltz is survived by her husband, Ralph E. Waltz of Noblesville; two daughters, Janet Waltz of Tempe, Ariz., and Sandy Schaller of Zionsville; two sisters, Nelda Worthington of Freeport, Ill., and Norma Tritch of Phoenix, Ariz.; and three granddaughters, Abby Waltz-Hill, Allison Waltz-Hill and Kimberly Schaller.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Christ Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Adrian Piazza officiating. Burial will be in Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. in Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, Noblesville, and from 10-10:30 a.m. in the church.

Memorials are to the Christ Lutheran Church Music Fund, Riverview Hospital Memorial Foundation, and the Hamilton County Legacy Fund.

Betty Hoffman

ALBION — Betty L. Hoffman, 71, a resident of Albion and a long-time resident of Noble County, was found dead in her home Thursday, April 19, 2001. She had been ill for the past week, but her death was unexpected.

Mrs. Hoffman was born Jan. 18, 1930 in Swan Township in Noble County to Alfred Willis and Naomi Mae Rinkerberger Fulk. As a young girl she moved with her parents to the Ari area, and she graduated from Huntertown High School in 1948.

Mrs. Hoffman

On Jan. 15, 1953, she married George J. Hoffman. The couple spent most of their married life in Green Township in Noble County, and lived for a period at Sylvan Lake near Rome City, where Mr. Hoffman died on Aug. 9, 1988. Following his death, she lived in Green Township until moving to Albion in 1993.

Mrs. Hoffman had been employed at several factories and later worked as a nurses aid at the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla for two years. She worked as an aid at the Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne for 16 years, retiring from there in 1985.

Surviving are two daughters and two sons-in-law, Sherri and Noel Gaff of Churubusco, and Cindy and Dave Fulk of Columbia City; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Randall Hoffman of Churubusco, Brian and Jodie Hoffman of Churubusco, and Jeffrey and Heather Hoffman of Spencerville; a brother, Richard Fulk of Avilla; a sister, Doris Householder of Albion; 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Candice Hoffman, on July 2, 1971; a granddaughter, Cassie L. Simons; two sisters, LaVonne Monroe and Glenna Gaff; and seven brothers, Dale Fulk, Howard Fulk, James Fulk, Harold Fulk, Robert Fulk, Donald Fulk and Allen Fulk.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday in the Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Jerry Lowery, pastor of Eel River Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Betty Jackson

KENDALLVILLE — Betty J. Jackson, 79, died at 1:50 Friday, April 20, 2001, in Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville. She had been in failing health for the past four months.

Mrs. Jackson was a graduate of Avilla High School. She retired from Essex Wire in 1986.

She was a member of Faith Freewill Baptist Church in Wolcottville, the Eagles Lodge in Kendallville and the V.F.W. Post 2749 Ladies Auxiliary in Kendallville.

She was born May 18, 1921, in Kendallville, to Daniel and Lillie (Walburn) Schaefer.

Mrs. Jackson is survived by two sons and two daughters-in-law, Larry and Betty Jackson of Wolcottville, and Duane and Stephanie Jackson of Wolcottville; two daughters and one son-in-law, Diane and James Kline of Kendallville, and Lana Jenkins of Palm Springs, Calif.; 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

A sister, Lucille McTurf, preceded her in death.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday in Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. James Caudill officiating. Burial will be in the Avilla Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

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Faralee Carr

GARRETT — Faralee G. Carr, 78, of Garrett died at 1:30 a.m. Saturday, April 21, 2001, at her home.

Mrs. Carr was a homemaker and had resided in Garrett for 76 years.

She was born Feb. 18, 1923, in Waterloo to Ernest and Irene (Brown) Pearson. She married Virgil Wetoskey in 1941. Following his death, she married Henry Carr on Oct. 12, 1951, and he survives in Garrett.

Mrs. Carr was member of the First Church of Christ, Garrett TOPS Club and Tri County Skirts & Shirts Square Dance Club.

Surviving with her husband are three daughters and a son-in-law, Sally Moughler of Auburn, Janet Carr of Garrett, and Dianne and John Riggs of Butler; four step-brothers, Vernon and Allan Hullinger, both of Butler, Franklin Hullinger of Auburn and Eldon Hullinger of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, George Pearson, John Pearson and Richard Joe Pearson; four sisters, Mary Pearson, Jo An Pearson, Ellen Adel Pearson and Margaret Freeze; a step-brother, Pete Hullinger; and a son-in-law, David Moughler.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the First Church of Christ with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, and one hour before services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to First Church of Christ or Parkview Hospice.

Madelyn Stout

LIGONIER — Madelyn G. Stout, 86, of Ligonier, died at 4:40 p.m. Friday, April 20, 2001, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Stout was a member of Trinity Assembly of God Church in Ligonier and had volunteered 10 years at World Missionary Press. She had worked 10 years at Goshen Motor Inn Motel and had worked at Sorg Products.

She was born Sept. 5, 1914, in Fort Wayne to Claude A. and Grace M. (Bird) Curley.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce and Jim Osborn of Sherwood, Ohio, and Elsie and Wilbur Chupp of Goshen; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Melvin Stout of Ligonier, Ed and Shirley Stout of Elkhart, John and Mary Stout of Topeka and Larry and Mary Stout of Coldwater, Mich.; a sister, Ruth Voltz of Wolcottville; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Helen Curley and Lou Sprunger; two brothers, Bruce Curley and Edwin Curley; and a grandchild.

Services are at 2 p.m. Monday in Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. William Parks officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling is from 3 to 7 p.m. today and from noon to services Monday at the funeral home.

Rita Hull

FORT WAYNE — Rita A. Hull, 81, died Friday, April 20, 2001, at University Park Nursing Center.

The Fort Wayne native was a former resident of Churubusco. She was a homemaker and member of Most Precious Blood Catholic Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Sheril Shuler of Fort Wayne and Jayne Krontz of Butler; two sons, Gary W. Hull of Columbia City and Rex A. Hull of Fort Wayne; a step-son, David Weigold of Wolf Lake; a brother, Lester Philo of Sun City, Fla.; 18 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Harry, a daughter, Charlotte, and a sister preceded her in death.

Prayer services are 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Mass of Christian Burial is 11 a.m. Tuesday at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, 1515 Barthold St. Burial will be at St. Patrick Cemetery, Arcola.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, with a rosary service there at 3:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Right to Life or masses.

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Marlene Amstutz

FORT WAYNE — Marlene Ann Amstutz, 58, died Friday, April 20, 2001, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

The Fremont native was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church and retired in 1998 as church secretary of Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont, where she was also a former member.

Surviving are her husband, Robert L. Amstutz Sr.; a daughter, Kim Burnette of Springfield, Mo.; a son, Robert L. Amstutz Jr. of Fort Wayne; her mother, Eileen L. McNeal of Fort Wayne; a sister, Barbara Cabral of Lake Placid, Fla.; a brother, Robert McNeal of Angola; and two grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Monday at Concordia Lutheran Church, 4245 Lake Ave. Burial will be at Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road.

Memorials are to the church or the Shut-In Radio Ministry.

Chad Uehlein

AUBURN — Chad R. "Skeeter" Uehlein, 23, of Auburn died at 1:30 a.m. Saturday, April 21, 2001, at a residence on Sixth Street in Auburn. (Story on A1.)

Uehlein

Mr. Uehlein was employed at Guardian Industries.

He was born Aug. 16, 1977, in Auburn.

Surviving are his father and step-mother, Terry and Nedine Uehlein of Auburn; his mother, June Kucia of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Melissa and Todd Carpenter of Auburn; and a grandmother, Phyllis Uehlein of Spencerville.

Services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling is from 2 to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a wrestling scholarship in his name.

Raymond Yoder

LAGRANGE — Raymond T. Yoder, 71, of LaGrange died at 3 a.m. Saturday, April 21, 2001, at his home.

Mr. Yoder was a lifetime LaGrange County resident and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Dec. 3, 1929, in LaGrange to Tobias A. and Ada (Mast) Yoder.

Surviving are seven sisters and five brothers-in-law, Susie Lehman of Shipshewana, Effie Troyer of Goshen, Mary and Alvin Troyer of Plain City, Ohio, Ida and Lester Beechy of LaGrange, Esther and Howard Miller of LaGrange, Alice and Ezra Yoder of Stratton, Colo., and Ade Mae and William Yoder of Bremen; and four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Amos Yoder of Fort Wayne, Dan and Doris Yoder of Goshen, Clarence and Idena Yoder of Goshen, and Ernest and Edna Yoder of Shipshewana.

Services are at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the family residence at 2620W-050N, LaGrange, with Bishop Daniel Beechy and the Rev. Vernon Miller officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is after 1 p.m. today and all day Monday at the Yoder home.

Frurip-May Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Franze

LAWRENCEBURG — Richard A. Franze, 75, died Saturday, April 21, 2001, in Lawrenceburg.

He was a retired electrical engineer from the I & M power plant and a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a member of Hamline Chapel United Methodist Church.

He was born in Kendallville, July 17, 1925.

Surviving are four sons, Dick Franze of Lawrenceburg, Bill and Alan Franze, both of Auburn, and Mike Franze of Houston, Texas; two daughters, Jackie Denning and Suzy Allen, both of Lawrenceburg; a brother, Frank Franze of Auburn; two sisters, Edythe Nartker of Kendallville and Faye Creager of Auburn; 14 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

His wife, Jean Marie Franze, preceded him in death.

Services are 7 p.m. (northeast Indiana time) Monday at Fitch-Denney Funeral Home, Lawrenceburg, with the Rev. William Helms officiating. Graveside services are 1 p.m. Tuesday at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with color guard services there by Auburn Post 97.

Calling is 5-7 p.m. (northeast Indiana time) Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Hamline Chapel United Methodist Church.

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Marjorie Cook

ANGOLA — Marjorie A. Cook, 82, of Angola died at 2:20 a.m. Friday, April 20, 2001, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Cook owned and operated Marge's Beauty Shop for 30 years. She was a member of the Angola Elks Ladies Auxiliary, Angola Moose Lodge and the Angola VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

She was born May 10, 1918, in Rochester to Roy S. and Edith (Lolmaugh) Brubaker. On May 28, 1940, in Columbia City she married Donald E. Cook. He died Dec. 30, 1998.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Kay Cook of Indianapolis; a brother, Kenneth Brubaker of Beufort, Calif.; a sister, Jean Cooley of Angola; two grandchildren, Lance Cook of Louisville and Rhonda Cook of Indianapolis; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Roy Brubaker.

A memorial service will be at 2:30 p.m. May 6 at the Angola Elks Lodge.

Memorials are to Breeden YMCA or to the donor's choice.

Arrangements are by Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Rev. Robert Mitchell

CHURUBUSCO — The Rev. Robert H. Mitchell, 88, of Churubusco, died at 7:38 p.m. Saturday, April 21, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He had been in declining health since January, but his death was unexpected.

Mr. Mitchell was a retired American Baptist minister and former pastor of the First Eel River Baptist Church near Churubusco.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Raymond Chakey of Bayonne, N.J., and Eva Katherine "Kaye" and Kerry Niman of Churubusco.

His wife, Flora Esther Mitchell, preceded him in death in 1967.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Richard Emerick

KENDALLVILLE — Richard N. Emerick, 78, of Kendallville, died at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 21, 2001, at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Fort Wayne.

On July 6, 1922, in Stroh, he was born to George W. and Dorothy I. (Getts) Emerick. He married Betty Hart in Hudson on June 15, 1947. She survives.

Mr. Emerick was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and a 36-year member of the Butler American Legion. He retired in 1966 after 19 years of service at Rieke Co. in Auburn.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Nancy Emerick of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and spouses, David and Wendy Emerick, Ben and Kelly Rex, Eric and Laura Emerick and Tony and Erin Neu; and seven great-grandchildren, Tabitha, Brandon and Jeromy Rex, Jessica and Kyle Emerick, and Amanda and Blake Neu.

Three sisters and three brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Ken Ludwig officiating. Burial is in Fairfield Cemetery, Hudson, with military graveside services.

Calling is from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

David Shuff

ROME CITY — David R. Shuff, 70, of Rome City, died Sunday, April 22, 2001, at his daughter's Fort Wayne residence.

On Aug. 24, 1930, in Fort Wayne, he was born to Garland and Mildred (Shuman) Shuff. He married Janice L. Copper in Fort Wayne on June 28, 1958. She preceded him in death Jan. 24, 1998.

Mr. Shuff had lived in Rome City since 1996, having moved from Albion.

He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, general manager of Trafco in Columbia City, president of SFG Trucking, and had been in trucking management for 35 years.

Surviving are three daughters, Norma Easterday of Fort Wayne, Jodie Savage of Wawaka, and Deb Shuff of Albuquerque, N.M.; two sons, Kerry Shuff of Kendallville, and Ty Shuff of Rome City; two sisters, Kathrine Craig of Fort Wayne, and Irene Bransteter of Lakeland, Fla.; eight grandchildren, Demain Stump, Jeremy Allen, and Michelle, Justin, Andi, Callie, Coleen and Katie; and two great-grandchildren, Logan and Clio.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral, Albion, with the Rev. Eric Ball officiating.

Calling is 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice.

Rita Hull

FORT WAYNE — Rita A. Hull, died Friday, April 20, 2001, at University Park Nursing Center.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was a homemaker. She formerly lived in Churubusco and lived in Fort Wayne since August 2000. She was a member of Most Precious Blood Catholic Church.

She married Harry Hull, who died on May 12, 1992.

Surviving her are two daughters, Sheril Shuler of Fort Wayne and Jayne Krontz of Butler; two sons, Gary W. Hull of Columbia City and Rex A. Hull of Fort Wayne; one stepson, David Weigold of Wolf Lake; one brother, Lester Philo of Sun City, Fla.; 18 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Charlotte Hull in 1973, and a sister, Edna Harter.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, with prayers at 10:30 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in St. Patrick Cemetery, Arcola.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home, with a rosary service at 3:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Right to Life or masses.

Vivian Barrows

HOWE — Vivian M. Barrows, 92, of Howe, died at 12:15 p.m. Saturday, April 21, 2001, at LifeCare Center of LaGrange.

On June 8, 1908, in Brighton, she was born to Charles and Libbie LeMaster. She married Emril Barrows in Angola on Sept. 1, 1934. He preceded her in death in 1997.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are a son, Philip Barrows Sr. of Orland; a brother, LeVern LeMaster of Kendallville; two grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

A sister preceded her in death.

Services are 1 p.m. Tuesday at Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe, with Major James Amick officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral.

THE NEWS-SUN TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2001

Rev. Robert Mitchell

CHURUBUSCO — Rev. Robert H. Mitchell, 88, died at 7:38 p.m. Saturday, April 21, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, shortly after admission. He had been in declining health since January, but his death was unexpected.

He was a retired American Baptist minister and former pastor of First Eel River Baptist Church near Churubusco. He spent his formative years in the Indianapolis area and graduated from Arsenal Technical High School, Indianapolis, in 1930. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II. He later received a call to the ministry, graduating from seminary at Butler University in 1950. His pastorates included Stylesville, Indian Prairie, Rockville, Oolitic, Gas City, Eel River, Mill Creek and Ellettsville. He worked for a time at the Baptist Assembly Camp in southern Indiana. After retirement he lived in Hamilton County for 20 years until returning to Allen County to be near his daughter.

He was born July 15, 1912, in Jamestown to Robert and Ocie Velma (Davis) Mitchell. On May 30, 1942, in Indianapolis, he married Flora Esther Christian, who preceded him in death April 26, 1967.

A brother, Buren M. Mitchell, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda Carol and Raymond Chakey of Bayonne, N.J., and Eva Katherine “Kaye” and Kerry Niman of Churubusco; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Eel River Baptist Church with the Rev. Jerry Lowery of Eel River Baptist officiating. Burial will be 3 p.m. Friday at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens, Greenwood.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and Friday at the church an hour before services.

Memorials are to Eel River Baptist Church or Fort Wayne Oncology.

Patricia Huff

LIGONIER — Patricia S. Huff, 61, died at 3:50 p.m. Monday, April 23, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital's emergency room.

She was a resident of Ligonier.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

William Leonhardt

KENDALLVILLE — William Leonhardt, 84, died at 5:05 p.m. Monday, April 23, 2001, at Hickory Creek at Kendallville nursing home.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

George Lee

AUBURN — George M. Lee, 42, died Friday, April 20, 2001, at 2 a.m. in his Auburn home.

Mr. Lee was a former cab driver in Amarillo, Texas.

He was born Dec. 10, 1958, in New York to George Lee and Evelyn (Gfeller) Claxton. His mother survives in North Liberty.

Also surviving are a son, Adam Lee at home; a brother, Robert E. Lee of Butler; two sisters, Linda Baird of Butler and Darline Mavis of St. Joe; two half-brothers, Jeremy Coleman of Avilla and Larry Lee of Auburn; one half-sister, Marlene Belcher of Defiance, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Monday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial was in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the funeral home to defray funeral expenses.

Services Held

LIGONIER — Funeral services for **James E. Kief**, 71, were 11 a.m. Monday, April 23, 2001, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home with the Rev. James Farrer officiating.

Burial was at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Pallbearers were the color guard of the West Noble American Legion Post.

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **Betty J. Jackson** were 10 a.m. Monday, April 23, 2001, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. James Caudill officiating.

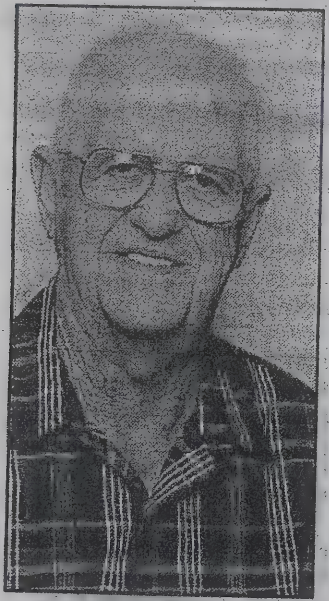
Burial was at Avilla Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Todd and Jimmy Kline, Jerry Hartman, Kevin Leedy, Ned Shisler and Larry Hagewood.

April 25, 2001 ALBION NEW ERA

J. C. Hawk

MERRIAM -- J. C. Hawk, 83, widely-acquainted resident of the Merriam-area and a former Noble County businessman, died at 11:40 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, 2001, at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne. He had been in declining health for the past two years, and had entered the hospice home one week ago.



J. C. Hawk

Mr. Hawk was born on July 23, 1917 at Merriam, a son of Florin and Ethel Kepford Hawk, and graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1936.

On June 17, 1939 he was married near Merriam to Violet Zumbrun. The couple lived their entire married life in the Merriam area, and had resided at their present home for the past 26 years.

Long remembered as the owner and operator of Hawk's Service Station in Merriam, he operated the business for 42 years, retiring from there in 1980.

In addition to his business career, his life was marked by several areas of community service. As a young man he attended Merriam Christian Chapel, and was a member of the Blue River Church of the Brethren in Whitley County for most of his adult life. He was one of the founders of the Wolf Lake Little League Program, and was the assistant manager of the former Wolf Lake Pirates - an adult independent basketball team.

He was also the director of the ministry program for the Chain O'Lakes Youth Rehabilitation Camp near Albion for 18 years.

His son Terry L. Hawk preceded him in death on July 20, 1976.

The surviving relatives include his wife Violet; a daughter Kay Ann Hawk of Fort Wayne; a grandson Nathaniel Hawk of Albuquerque, New Mexico; an uncle Woodward Hawk of Ligonier; and a cousin Sharon Hendrickson of Lowell.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Blue River Church of the Brethren, Whitley County. Rev. Craig Alan Myers, pastor of the church, officiated.

Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco was in charge of the arrangements.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Blue River Church of the Brethren Mission's Fund, or the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Gilbert Cole,

ALBION-Gilbert Lester Cole, 83, of Albion, died at 1:34 a.m. Friday, April 20, 2001, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cole was a retired dairy farmer. He worked 27 years at General Electric, and owned Hilltop Drive-In Restaurant. A U. S. Army veteran, he served in Germany and earned the Purple Heart medal of honor. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church of Albion and a member of American Legion Post 246 in Albion. He also served as a Noble County Sheriff reserve officer.

He was born March 24, 1918, in Albion, to Charles and Etta (Lozier) Cole.

On Feb. 24, 1940, he married June Belle Sapp in Brimfield. She died June 17, 1989.

Also preceding him in death were his parents; two sisters, Helen Bradley and Grace Barcus; and two brothers, Lloyd and Charles Cole.

Mr. Cole is survived by three daughters, Kay Cole-Meyer and Linda Cole, both of Schamburg, Ill., and Nancy Garner of Albion; a grandson, Shawn Garner of Albion; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held on Monday, April 23, 2001 in Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion, with the Rev. Brenda Ginder officiating. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam, with military graveside rites by Albion American Legion Post 246.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion.

David Shuff,

ROME CITY-David R. Shuff, 70, died on April 22, 2001 at his daughters residence in Fort Wayne.

He was born on August 24, 1930 to Garland and Mildred (Shuman) Shuff, both deceased. He was General Manager of Trafco of Columbia City and in trucking management for 35 years. He was President of SFG Trucking. He had lived in Rome City since 1996 and Albion prior to moving to Rome City. He was a Marine Corp. Veteran.

On June 28, 1958 in Fort Wayne he married Janice L. Cooper, she died January 24, 1998.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons: Norma Easterday of Fort Wayne; Jodie Savage of Wawaka; Deb Shuff of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Kerry Shuff, Kendallville and Ty Shuff of Rome City; eight grandchildren, Demain Stump, Jeremy Allen, Michelle, Justin, Andi, Callie, Coleen and Katie; two great-grandchildren, Logan and Clio; two sisters, Katherine Craig of Fort Wayne and Irene Bransteter of Lakeland, Fla. Also surviving is a companion of two years Judy Galloway of Goshen.

He was preceded in death by one brother Carl Shuff.

Services were held on Tuesday, April 24, 2001 in Brazzell Home in Albion with the Rev. Eric Ball officiating. Memorials are to Parkview Hospice.

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Betty Hoffman

ALBION -- Betty L. Hoffman, 71, a resident of Albion and a long-time resident of Noble County, was found dead at her residence on Thursday, April 19, 2001. She had been ill for the past week, but her death was unexpected.

Mrs. Hoffman was born on January 18, 1930 in Swan Township in Noble County, a daughter of Alfred Willis and Naomi Mae Rinkenberger Fulk. As a young girl she moved with her parents to the Ari-area, and she graduated from Huntertown High School in 1948.

Betty Hoffman

On January 15, 1953 she was united in marriage to George J. Hoffman. The couple spent most of their married life in Green Township in Noble County, and lived for a period at Sylvan Lake near Rome City, where Mr. Hoffman died on August 9, 1988. Following his death, she lived in Green Township until moving to Albion in 1993.

She had been employed at several factories as a young woman, and later worked as a nurses aide at the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla for two years. She worked as an aide at the Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne for 16 years, retiring from there in 1985 due to ill health.

A daughter, Candice Hoffman died on July 2, 1971.

Surviving relatives include two daughters Sherri (Mrs. Noel) Gaff of Churubusco, and Cindy (Mrs. Dave) Fulk of Columbia City; three sons, Randall Hoffman, and Brian (wife Jodie) Hoffman, both of Churubusco, and Jeffrey (wife Heather) Hoffman of Spencerville; a brother, Richard Fulk of Avilla; and a sister, Doris Householder of Albion. There are 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and daughter, she was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Cassie L. Simons; two sisters, LaVonne Monroe, and Glenna Gaff, and seven brothers, Dale, Howard, James, Harold, Robert, Donald and Allen Fulk.

Funeral services were Monday at the Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Jerry Lowery, pastor of Eel River Baptist Church, officiating.

Interment was in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials to the donor's choice.

Rita A. Hull

FORT WAYNE-Rita A. Hull, died Friday, April 20, 2001, at University Park Nursing Center.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was a homemaker. She formerly lived in Churubusco and lived in Fort Wayne since August 2000. She was a member of Most Precious Blood Catholic Church.

She married Harry Hall, who died on May 12, 1992.

Surviving her are two daughters, Sheril Shuler of Fort Wayne and Jayne Krontz of Butler; two sons, Gary W. Hull of Columbia City and Rex A. Hull of Fort Wayne; one stepson, David Weigold of Wolf Lake; one brother, Lester Philo of Sun City, Fla.; 18 grandchildren and 16 Great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Charlotte Hull in 1973, and a sister, Edna Harter.

Services were held on Tuesday, April 24, 2001 in Most Precious Blood Catholic Church. Burial was in St. Patrick Cemetery, Arcola.

Harold Rupert

ALBION-Harold Benjamin Rupert, 94, died at Mt. St. Mary's Hospital, Lewiston, NY on Friday, April 13, 2001.

He was born in Albion on October 26, 1906 to Leander and Ina (Edwards) Rupert. On February 1, 1936 he married Ruth Lemmon in Albion. She survives in New York.

Mr. Rupert retired as Superintendent for E. I. Dupont Company after 35 years of service. He was a 1928 graduate of Purdue University, a 73 member of Albion Lodge #97 F & AM in Albion.

Surviving along with his wife are a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ben and Martha Lemmon of Albion, also several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion on Thursday, April 26, 2001 at 1:30 p.m. with Pastor Ann Marshall officiating. Graveside services will be immediately following the memorial service at Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

THE NEWS-SUN WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2001

Ellen Durfey

WOLCOTTVILLE — Ellen Marguerite Durfey, 82, died at 7:24 p.m. Monday, April 23, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, after a one-month illness.

She had lived in Wolcottville 20 years, moving there from Fort Wayne. She retired in 1980 from the Fort Wayne Community Schools as a teachers assistant.

Mrs. Durfey

She was born March 14, 1919, in Fort Wayne to Fred and Vera (Ellenwood) Aeck. In 1940 in Fort Wayne she married Clarence "Ted" Durfey, who survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Darlene and Dean Yoquelet of Richardson, Texas, and Kay and Bill Copeland of Lawton, Okla.; a son and daughter-in-law, Ted and Cindy Durfey of Cherokee, Okla.; a sister and brother-in-law, Lois and Darrell Kroemer of Spring Hills, Fla.; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Two sisters preceded her in death.

Memorial services are 1:30 p.m. Friday at Five Corners Baptist Church with the Rev. Clarence Combs officiating.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Arrangements are by Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

Oscar Nile

LIGONIER — Oscar J. Nile, 55, died Thursday, April 12, 2001, at home in Ligonier.

He was self-employed, running an escort service. He was active with Civil War re-enactments.

He was born Jan. 18, 1946, in Savana, Ohio, to Walter and Ethel (Myers) Nile.

Surviving are a son, Jesse Nile of California, and a brother, Ralph Moore of Ohio.

His wife, Rachel (Huey) Nile, preceded him in death Nov. 10, 1998.

There are no services or calling.

Arrangements are by Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Patricia Huff

LIGONIER — Patricia S. Huff, 61, died Monday, April 23, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

She worked at Ligonier Tire Co. for 22 years, retiring in 1991.

She was born Jan. 24, 1940, in Brimfield to Tony W. and Faye Doris (Ackerman) Huff.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Edward Sr. and Lois Huff of Kendallville; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Darlene and Lee Dixon and Claudette Mawhorter, all of Big Turkey Lake, LaGrange, Nancy and Ollie Kemplin of LaOtto and Linda Mitchell of Berwind, W.V.; a granddaughter, Tammy Huff of Mt. Pleasant, Mich.; a grandson, Edward Huff Jr. of Albion; and several nieces and nephews. Also surviving is her best friend, Shirley Gasho of Ligonier.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Revs. Cecil and Quint Zimmerman of Lighthouse Tabernacle, Kimmell, officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Harold Rupert

ALBION — Harold Benjamin Rupert, 94, died Friday, April 13, 2001, at St. Mary's Hospital, Lewiston, N.Y.

He retired as superintendent for the E.I. Dupont Co. after 35 years. He was a 1928 graduate of Purdue University and a 73-year member of Albion Lodge 97 F & AM.

He was born Oct. 26, 1906, in Albion to Leander and Ina (Edwards) Rupert. On Feb. 1, 1936, in Albion he married Ruth Leamon, who survives in New York.

Also surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Ben and Martha Leamon of Albion; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services are 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with Pastor Ann Marshall officiating. Graveside services will follow immediately at Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

William Leonhardt

KENDALLVILLE — William W. Leonhardt, 84, died at 5:05 p.m. Monday, April 23, 2001, at Hickory Creek at Kendallville nursing home.

He was formerly employed by Sunrise Dairy, Angola, and was a molder for Newnam Foundry, Kendallville. He retired from Levin and Sons Scrap Yards. He was a member of First Christian Church, Kendallville; the Civilian Conservation Corps, Angola; and American Legion Post 86, Kendallville.

He was born Aug. 23, 1916, in Fremont to William and Clara (Wartenbee) Leonhardt. On Oct. 8, 1938, in LaGrange he married Geraldine Rowlison, who preceded him in death in August, 1989.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Beverly and Wayne Eshelman and Paula Seibert, all of Kendallville, and Sandra and Alton Grimm of Huntertown; three sisters, Margarite Maynard of Lansing, Mich., Lois Fritz of Hillsdale, Mich., and Esther Miller of Edon, Ohio; 15 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Private family funeral services are Thursday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will be at a later date at Lake View Cemetery.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church, Corunna.

THE NEWS-SUN THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2001

The following obituary is being reprinted to correct errors.

Ellen Durfey

WOLCOTTVILLE — Ellen Marguerite Durfey, 82, died at 7:24 p.m. Monday, April 23, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, after a one-month illness.

She had lived in Wolcottville 20 years, moving there from Fort Wayne. She retired in 1980 from Fort Wayne Community Schools as a teachers assistant.

She was born March 14, 1919, in Fort Wayne to Fred and Vera (Ellenwood) Heck. In 1940 in Fort Wayne, she married Clarence "Ted" Durfey, who survives in Wolcottville.

Mrs. Durfey

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Darlene and Dean Yoquelet of Richardson, Texas, and Kay and Bill Copeland of Lawton, Okla.; a son and daughter-in-law, Ted and Cindy Durfey of Cherokee, Okla.; a sister and brother-in-law, Lois and Darrell Kroemer of Spring Hills, Fla.; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Two sisters preceded her in death.

Memorial services are 1:30 p.m. Friday at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Clarence Combs of Five Corners Baptist Church officiating.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

William Welch

CHURUBUSCO — William B. Welch, 77, died at 2:05 a.m. today, April 26, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a Churubusco resident.

Among survivors are six daughters.

His wife, Jane C. Welch, preceded him in death March 3, 1994.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Irene Geiger

COLLINS — Irene A. Geiger, 93, died at 3 a.m. today, April 26, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville, where she had been a patient for a day.

She was a former resident of Smith Township, Whitley County, near Collins.

Among survivors are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Charles "Chic" Geiger of Churubusco and Dale and Janice Geiger of rural Columbia City; and three daughters and two sons-in-law, Helen and Robert Blanchard of North Manchester, Mary and Herbert Sutton of Huntertown and Shirley Rugg of LaGrange.

Her husband, Cliffton J. Geiger, preceded her in death Nov. 17, 1975.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Shrielda Miller

FORT WAYNE — Shrielda Mae Miller, 87, died at 11:06 a.m. Tuesday, April 24, 2001, at home.

She was a homemaker.

She was born Feb. 21, 1914, in Jackson, Ky., to Lydge and Elizabeth (Howard) Salyers.

Surviving are four sons, Roland Miller Jr. and Lonnie Miller, both of Avilla, Jim Miller of Albion and George W. Miller of New Carlisle, Ohio; four daughters, Mildred L. Parsons, Irene Coburn, Meggie Derkatsch and Christine Hall, all of Fort Wayne; a brother, Millard Mullins of Middletown, Ohio; 32 grandchildren; 63 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roland Miller Sr., in 1991; two brothers; and two grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Friday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., with the Rev. Tom Phillips officiating. Burial will be at Perry Township Cemetery, Huntertown.

Calling is at the funeral home two hours before services.

Memorials are to Crossroad Children's Home.

Danny Easterday

HUDSON — Danny L. Easterday, 51, died Monday, April 23, 2001, at 4:53 p.m. in Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola after suffering a heart attack at his home.

Mr. Easterday worked at Kraft Foods in Kendallville for 22 years and had worked at Bundy Co. in Ashley since 1997. He had lived in rural Hudson since 1988 and was a U.S. Army veteran.

He had been a firefighter since 1972. He was a 14-year member of the Hudson Fire Department, where was on the HAZMAT team, a First Responder and a first lieutenant.

He was born June 13, 1949, in Fawn River, St. Joseph County, Mich., to Maurice and Patricia (Sheley) Easterday.

Surviving him are his fiancee, Ruth Wymer of Hudson; two daughters, Kittie Easterday of Auburn and Jennifer Custer of Fort Wayne; two sons, Hugh Easterday of Hudson and David Wymer of Indianapolis; a brother, Dennis Johnson of Texas; a stepfather, Gene Johnson of Stroh; and five grandchildren, Kimberly and Bradley Custer, Jeremy Elkins, Justin Easterday and Dakota Dale.

Services will be held Friday at 4 p.m. in the Hudson United Brethren Church, with calling after 3 p.m. The Rev. Craig Burkholder will officiate. Military services will be conducted at the church.

Calling is today from 3-8 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Memorials are to the Hudson Fire Department.

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Jon Powell

LAGRANGE — Jon C. Powell, 30, of LaGrange, died Tuesday, April 24, 2001, at his residence.

On March 17, 1971, he was born to Richard E. and Diane L. (Harris) Powell. They survive.

He was a lifetime LaGrange County resident, a very active member of Gracie Jiu-Jitsu Academy in LaGrange and worked at Middlebury Enterprises.

Surviving in addition to his parents are two sisters, Dawn R. Powell of LaGrange, and Angela N. Tullos of Sturgis, Mich.; a grandfather, Norval Harris of Saratoga; and two grandmothers, Vada Powell and Wilma Skaggs, both of LaGrange.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Jay Tyler officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

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Dale Meyer

ALBION — Dale E. Meyer, 88, died at 8:55 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Albion resident retired from Dana Corp. of Fort Wayne in 1974. He was a member of Albion Wesleyan Church, the Odd Fellows Lodge of Churubusco and a charter member of the Roving Red Bird Camping Club.

He was born Nov. 19, 1912, in Berne to Harvey and Elizabeth Meyer. On Dec. 24, 1931, he married Virginia C. Holocaer, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Robert Miller and Pat and Duane Norris, all of Albion; a daughter-in-law, Jean Meyer of Blue Lake; a brother, Ted Meyer of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Eunice Carr, Eileen Sutterlin and Harvena Freimuth, all of Fort Wayne, and Mary Shoudel of Churubusco; 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Three brothers, Harry, Elmer and Edward Meyer, and two sisters, Helen Lorenz and Dorothy Draper, preceded him in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Albion Wesleyan Church with Pastor Eric Ball officiating. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Arrangements are by Orr Funeral Home, Albion.

William Welch

CHURUBUSCO — William B. Welch, 77, died at 2:05 a.m. Thursday, April 26, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient since April 8.

He spent his formative years in the Pontiac, Ill., area, moving to Churubusco in 1942. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II in the Rhineland and Central European Theaters. He worked with the railroad for 35 years, retiring as a railroad agent for Conrail in 1985.

He was born Nov. 25, 1923, in Pontiac to Oric and Bessie R. (Vinson) Welch. On July 27, 1946, he married Jane C. Litherland, who preceded him in death March 3, 1994.

Three brothers and a grandchild also preceded him in death.

Surviving are six daughters and four sons-in-law, Beverly and Robert Irving of Deltona, Fla., Garree and Neal Ternet of Tri-Lakes, Brenda and Steve Baumgartner of Bluffton, Linda Galligher of Kendallville, and Narda and Michael Strong and Janel D. Welch, all of Churubusco; 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Paul D. White of Churubusco Church of the Nazarene officiating. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Irene Geiger

COLLINS — Irene A. Geiger, 93, died at 3 a.m. Thursday, April 26, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville. She entered the hospital Wednesday and had been in declining health recently.

She spent all her married life on the family farm near Collins. She attended Collins United Methodist Church.

She was born May 23, 1907, in Smith Township, Whitley County, to William and Maud (Benour) Krider. In Hillsdale, Mich., on Nov. 21, 1925, she married Clifton "Jake" Geiger, who preceded her in death Nov. 17, 1975.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Guy Geiger, in 1970; two brothers, Clyde and Ed Krider; a sister, Helen King; and a granddaughter, Cheryl Jackson.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Charles "Chic" Geiger of Churubusco and Dale and Janice Geiger of Columbia City; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Helen and Robert Blanchard of North Manchester, Mary and Herbert Sutton of Huntertown and Shirley Rugg of LaGrange; 19 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. William Claxton officiating. Burial will be at Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

THE NEWS-SUN SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2001

Ford Aldrich

HOWE — Ford R. Aldrich, 86, of Howe, died Friday, April 27, 2001, at Vencor Hospital, LaGrange.

On Feb. 26, 1915, in Steuben County, he was born to Raymond and Mattie (Heckman) Aldrich. He married Viola Bollinger on March 8, 1936, in East Springfield Church, LaGrange. She survives.

He was a life time LaGrange County resident, a farmer, worked at Newnam Foundry in Kendallville, and spent 23 winters in Florida.

Mr. Aldrich was also a member of the English Prairie Church of the Brethren and an associate member of the Arcadia Church of the Brethren.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are: a daughter, Mrs. Keith (Ann) Hawver, Howe; two sons, George H. Aldrich, Bellview, Fla., and Robert F. Aldrich, Florence, Ariz.; a sister, Flossie Miller, Broadview, N.M.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Three brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, April 30, 2001, in English Prairie Church of the Brethren, Howe, with Rev. Ray Barkey officiating. Burial is in English Prairie Cemetery, Howe.

Calling is from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 29, 2001, at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Memorials are to English Prairie Church of the Brethren and Arcadia Church of the Brethren.

Richard Maybee

WOLCOTTVILLE — Richard T. Maybee, 73, of Wolcottville, died at 7:52 p.m. Thursday, April 26, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, after an extended illness.

Mr. Maybee

On Nov. 4, 1927, in South Bend, he was born to Winston T. and Anita (Treesh) Maybee. He married Mary L. Suelzer Muldary on Sept. 15, 1967, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

He was a member of Rome City American Legion Post 381, a National Guard veteran discharged in 1951, and worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne before retiring in 1990 after 22 years.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are: two stepdaughters and stepsons-in-law, Colleen and Bill Franke, Hamilton, and Maurene and Joel Barreiro, Kaufman, Texas; a stepson and stepdaugher-in-law, Patrick and Melanie Muldary, Sumner, Wash.; a sister, Dixie Trainer, Fort Wayne; and two stepgrandchildren, Heather and Megan Muldary.

A stepson, Michael T. Muldary, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 1, 2001, at St. Gasper Catholic Church, Rome City, with Rev. Charles Mullen, of St. Gasper Catholic Church, officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling is from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, April 30, 2001, at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to masses at the church.

James Ketcham

MILLERSBURG — James Ketcham, 55, of Millersburg, died at 7:10 p.m., Wednesday, April 25, 2001, at his residence.

Mr. Ketcham

On Sept. 18, 1945, in Buffalo, N.Y., he was born to Ernest E. and Helen M. (Donaldson) Ketcham. He married Mary Martin Ketcham. She survives.

Mr. Ketcham was a U.S. Navy veteran, a member of Ligonier American Legion Post 243, and self-employed owner of Ketcham Electric.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are: a daughter, Jaime Skaggs, Shipshewana; a son, Michael James Ketcham, Topeka; a brother, Edward Donald Ketcham, Topeka; a sister, Patricia McCarty; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A brother Erle, a sister Kim, and his parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, April 30, 2001, at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with Pastor Mark Burritt officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier, with military graveside services by Post 243.

Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. today and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, April 29, 2001, at the funeral home.

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Mary Miller

LAGRANGE — Mary C. Miller, 104, of LaGrange, died Thursday, April 26, 2001, in Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

On Jan. 21, 1897, in Elgin, Ohio, he was born to Silas and Sarah (Lippincott) Rice.

On May 1, 1918, in Branch County, Mich., she married Lester A. Wooster, who preceded her in death on Dec. 30, 1921.

She married Glen Welker in October 1965 in LaGrange County. He preceded her in death in October 1977.

On Jan. 6, 1979, in Brighton, she married Odye Miller, who preceded her death in 1981.

She spent most of her life in LaGrange County, having moved from Ohio.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker, active in the LaGrange County Republican Party, LaGrange County A.A.R.P., Keenagers Prayer Group, and a member of Greenfield Township Home Extension Club.

Surviving are: a daughter, Mabel A. Evans, LaGrange; two sons, James S. Wooster, Coldwater, Mich., and Nelson L. Wooster, Sturgis, Mich.; a step-daughter, Ruth Fair, Sturgis, Mich.; a step-daughter-in-law, Doris Welker, Howe; 10 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and 21 great-great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Carol L. Wagner, preceded her in death in April 1991.

Three sisters, three brothers, two grandsons, one granddaughter, three step-sons, and one step-daughter also preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 1, 2001, in Brighton Chapel, Brighton, with Rev. Rodney Schuler officiating. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery, Brighton.

Calling is from 1 to 7 p.m. Monday, April 30, 2001, at Brighton Chapel.

Memorials are to Brighton Chapel.

Henry Lee Ernsberger

ORLAND — Henry Lee Ernsberger, 80, of Orland, died Thursday, April 26, 2001, at his residence.

On March 17, 1921, in Orland, he was born to Clinton and Hazel (Gustin) Ernsberger. He married Helen R. Crammond on June 6, 1953, in Toledo, Ohio. She survives.

He was a life member of Orland Methodist Church, a charter member of Orland Lions Club, a World War II veteran, a member of Orland American Legion Post 423, a 55-year member of Masonic Lodge 225, a 45-year member of Eastern Stars, a volunteer firefighter with the Orland Fire Department and a member of Orland Town Council from 1972 to 1978.

Mr. Ernsberger was employed on the Indiana Toll Road for 28 years.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are: two daughters and a son-in-law, Allison Ernsberger, Orland, and Susan and Brian McDonald, Indianapolis; a son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Marylyn Ersnberger, Orland; a sister, Ruth Van Wagner, Orland; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, April 30, 2001, at the United Methodist Church in Orland with Rev. Duane Stidham officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland, with military rites at the cemetery.

Calling is from 4 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice, Orland United Methodist Church and Orland Community Fund.

The following obituary is being reprinted to correct errors.

Dale Meyer

ALBION — Dale E. Meyer, 88, of Albion, died at 8:55 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, 2001, in Fort Wayne Lutheran Hospital.

In Berne, Ind., on Nov. 19, 1912, he was born to Harvey and Elizabeth Meyer. On Dec. 24, 1931, he married Virginia C. Holocaer. She survives.

Mr. Meyer retired from Dana Corporation of Fort Wayne in 1974. He was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge of Churubusco, and a charter member of the Roving Red Bird Camping Club.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are: two daughters and two sons-in-law, Janet and Robert Miller and Pat and Duane Norris, all of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Duane and Donna Meyer; a daughter-in-law, Jean Meyer, Blue Lake; a brother, Ted Meyer, Fort Wayne; four sisters, Eunice Carr, Eileen Sutterlin and Harvena Freimuth, all of Fort Wayne, and Mary Shoudel, Churubusco; 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Three brothers, Harry, Elmer and Edward Meyer, and two sisters, Helen Lorenz and Dorothy Draper, preceded him in death.

Services are at 11 a.m. today at Albion Wesleyan Church in Albion with Pastor Eric Ball officiating. Burial is in Sparta Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church.

Orr Funeral of Albion is in charge of arrangements.

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Vicki Bowman

COLON, Mich. — Vicki Diane Bowman, 54, died at 5:05 p.m. Thursday, April 26, 2001, at home after an eight-week illness.

She had lived in Colon for three years, moving there from Sturgis, Mich. Before that she lived in Wolcottville. She did factory work.

She was born Aug. 28, 1946, in Fort Wayne to James and Betty (Wynkoop) Garrison. On June 22, 1963, in Wolcottville she married Jim Bowman, who survives in Colon.

Also surviving are a daughter, Dawn Marie Mongognia, of Bells, Texas; three sons, Jimmy Bowman Jr. of Sherman, Texas, Rodney A. Bowman of Burr Oak, Mich., and Michael R. Bowman of Sturgis; three sisters, Rosalie Jordan of LaGrange, and Rebecca Ann Lung and Cynthia Sue Richardson, both of Sturgis; two brothers, Darwin and Michael Garrison, both of LaGrange; and 16 grandchildren.

Services are 1 p.m. Monday at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Mike Stanley of Church of the Stone officiating. Burial will be at Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

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Mary Miller

LAGRANGE — Mary C. Miller, 104, of LaGrange, died Thursday, April 26, 2001, in Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

On Jan. 21, 1897, in Elgin, Ohio, he was born to Silas and Sarah (Lippincott) Rice.

On May 1, 1918, in Branch County, Mich., she married Lester A. Wooster, who preceded her in death on Dec. 30, 1962.

She married Glen Welker in October 1965 in LaGrange County. He preceded her in death in October 1977.

On Jan. 6, 1979, in Brighton, she married Odye Miller, who preceded her death in 1981.

She spent most of her life in LaGrange County, having moved from Ohio.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker, active in the LaGrange County Republican Party, LaGrange County A.A.R.P., Keenagers Prayer Group, and a member of Greenfield Township Home Extension Club.

Surviving are: a daughter, Mabel A. Evans, LaGrange; two sons, James S. Wooster, Coldwater, Mich., and Nelson L. Wooster, Sturgis, Mich.; a step-daughter, Ruth Fair, Sturgis, Mich.; a step-daughter-in-law, Doris Welker, Howe; 10 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and 21 great-great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Carol L. Wagner, preceded her in death in April 1991.

Three sisters, three brothers, two grandsons, one granddaughter, three step-sons, and one step-daughter also preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 1, 2001, in Brighton Chapel, Brighton, with Rev. Rodney Schuler officiating. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery, Brighton.

Calling is from 1 to 7 p.m. Monday, at Brighton Chapel. Memorials are to Brighton Chapel.

Clarence V. Dennison

AUBURN — Clarence V. Dennison, 73, died in Fort Wayne on Friday, April 27, 2001.

He was born in Buckanna, W.Va., on July 26, 1927, the son of Luther and Luetta "Graves" Dennison.

He was a superintendent for Foley Pattern in Auburn for 33 years, retiring in 1987.

During the Second World War, he served in the U.S. Marines.

He married Helen Winebrenner on May 6, 1945, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Clarence Dennison Jr. of Fort Wayne, Donald DeWayne Dennison of Chicago, Richard Allen Dennison of Franklin, Tenn.; one sister, Violet Lewis of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren, Amy Buchs of Waterloo, Lori Sexton of Auburn, Wendi Sills of Waterloo, Hannah Dennison of Franklin, Tenn., Anthony Jones of Fort Wayne, Toni Ott of Fort Wayne, Stephanie Ott of Fort Wayne; five great-grandchildren, Abby Buchs, Becky Buchs, Sara Sills and Nick Buchs of Waterloo and Clare Sexton of Auburn.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Calling will be Monday 7-9 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

A private family burial will take place at a later date.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Patricia Huff** were held Friday, April 27, 2001, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Quint Zimmerman and the Rev. Cecil Zimmerman officiating.

Burial was in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Pallbearers were: John Dixon, Rory Robbins, Lee Dixon Jr., Dale Gasho, Rick Kemplin, Joey Rugg, Steve Mitchell and Terry Mitchell.

Honorary pallbearers were: Dann Hall, Ollie Kemplin, Lee Dixon, Danny Gasho, Tom Gasho and Jason Shaw.

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William Frederick

WARREN — Dr. William Cecil Fitzpatrick, 84, died at 7:50 p.m., Friday, April 27, 2001, at the United Methodist Memorial Home, where he had retired in 1993.

He had been a dentist in Elwood for many years before his retirement in 1980. He spent several winters in Avon Park, Fla.

He was born Feb. 15, 1917, in Stearns, Ky. He was a 1935 graduate of Elwood High School and a 1940 graduate of Indiana University. He later received his doctorate of dentistry degree from Indiana University.

On Aug. 5, 1939, he married Patricia (Conwell) Fitzpatrick in Elwood. She survives.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, where he had served in the Army Dental Corps from 1943-1946.

He was a member of the Kiwanis Club in Elwood and North Webster, the church choir at the United Methodist Memorial Home, a life member of the Indiana Dental Society and the Indiana University Alumni Association. He had been the Pipe Creek Township Trustee in Elwood and he was instrumental in the construction of the Frankton High School. He was very active in many church organizations and formerly attended the First United Methodist Church in North Webster.

Surviving him are his daughter, Sue A. Henderson of Columbus.; two sons, William H. Fitzpatrick of Anamosa, Iowa, and John K. Fitzpatrick of Albion; four granddaughters, Cynthia Sams, Kelly Fitzpatrick and Danielle Fitzpatrick of Anamosa, Iowa; and Sarah Fitzpatrick of Albion; and three grandsons, William Henderson of Greenwood, and James Henderson of Lafayette.

A brother, Robert H. Fitzpatrick, preceded him in death.

Services will be held at the United Methodist Memorial Home, Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. with the Revs. Charles Elam, John Pattison, John Bellante and Mike Beall officiating. Burial will take place at the Spring Hill Cemetery in Warren.

Calling is Monday 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Memorial Home.

Memorials are to the United Methodist Memorial Home Choir Music Fund; the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 4204, South Bend, IN 46634; or the donor's choice.

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Phyllis Clawson

KENDALLVILLE — Phyllis J. Clawson, 76, died at 2:02 a.m. Sunday, April 29, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

She had lived at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center since 1995. She had previously lived in Avilla for four years, and before that in the Wolcottville-Rome City area. She was a homemaker.

She was born July 31, 1924, in Huntertown to John L. and Gladys (Benward) Dafforn.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Rick and Christine Clawson of Cromwell, Brian Clawson of Columbia City and Robert and Nateeka Clawson of Rome City; and nine grandchildren.

A daughter, Cheryl Allen, preceded her in death.

Graveside services are 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Eden Cemetery, Topeka, with the Rev. Lee Combs of Community Baptist Church officiating.

There is no calling.

Arrangements are by Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

Helen Hardy

KENDALLVILLE — Helen Catherine Hardy, 86, died Sunday morning, April 29, 2001, at St. Luke's Lutheran Home, North Canton, Ohio.

She had lived in North Canton since 1993, and formerly lived in Hudson. She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1934 and was a supervisor secretary for McCray Refrigerator before her marriage. She was a bookkeeper for her husband's farming businesses. The couple traveled extensively. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville.

She was born Feb. 2, 1915, in Kendallville to Arthur and Emma (Gehring) Whiteman.

Surviving are a niece, Martha "Kit" Whiteman of Cincinnati, Ohio; a nephew and his wife, Arthur "Art" and Judith "Judy" Whiteman of North Canton; great-nieces and great-nephew, Heather, Hillary and David Whiteman, all of North Canton; two sisters-in-law, Miriam Whiteman of Canton and Ardell Clelland; another sister-in-law and her husband, Marjorie and Lawrence Gilbert; a brother-in-law and his wife, Gordon and Lillian Hardy; and their families.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert "Bob" Hardy, in 1990, and by a brother, Walter H. Whiteman.

Calling is 2-3 p.m. Wednesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson. Graveside services follow immediately at Circle Cemetery, Hudson, with Pastor Paul Griebel officiating.

Memorials are to Lutheran Hour Ministries, 2185 Hampton Ave. St. Louis, MO 63139, or donor's choice.

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Loretta Clark

GOSHEN — Loretta May Clark, 57, died at 4:18 a.m. Monday, April 30, 2001, at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, after an extended illness. She had a lung transplant in September 1992 and lived on a single lung.

She lived most of her life in the Goshen area and attended Goshen High School. She worked at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, retiring on disability status in October 1987 due to a lung disorder.

She was born in Avilla Sept. 27, 1943, to Howard and Laverne (King) Johnson. On Aug. 3, 1988, in Port Orchard, Wash., she married James J. Clark, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, William H. Gosnell Jr. of Elkhart and Thomas R. Gosnell of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Victoria L. Seitz and Melane S. Gosnell, both of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters, Stephanie Mounsey of Millersburg and Tawna P. Clark of Silverdale, Wash.; five brothers, Delbert, Roger and Kenneth Johnson, all of Albion, Rollin Johnson of Columbia City and Harold Johnson of Avilla; three sisters, Betty Clouse of Albion, Lotty Parry of Houston, Texas, and Beatrice Eppert of Syracuse; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Memorial services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, with Pastor Sue Montgomery of Hill Crest United Methodist Church, Elkhart, officiating. Her body was donated to the anatomical education program at Indiana University Medical School.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the South Bend Chapter of the American Lung Association.

Kirk Etheridge

HUNTERTOWN — Kirk C. Etheridge, 72, died Sunday, April 29, 2001, at home in Huntertown.

The Springport, Mich., native retired in 1989 as area supervisor of gas transmissions and measurements with Northern Indiana Public Service Co. after 41 years. He was a member and trustee of Huntertown United Methodist Church, a member of Huntertown Lodge 689, treasurer of the Perry Township Cemetery Association and a member of and emergency medical technician with the Huntertown Volunteer Fire Department for 25 years.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Etheridge; a son, Steven K. Etheridge of Kendallville; three daughters, Sherry Shaw and Kathy and Tami Etheridge, all of Huntertown; a sister, Juanita Cannon of St. Joe; three grandchildren, Phillip Shaw, Erin Duncan and Kirk Etheridge; and a great-grandson, Kayne Duncan.

Two brothers, Glen and Edward Etheridge, and a sister, Gloria Ann Etheridge, preceded him in death.

Memorial services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Huntertown United Methodist Church, 16021 Lima Road, Huntertown. Private burial will be at Huntertown Cemetery, Huntertown.

Memorials are to the church or ARC of Northeast Indiana.

Arrangements are by D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road.

Adrian Shell

TOPEKA — Adrian E. Shell, 58, died at 8:20 p.m. Monday, April 30, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange. The Topeka man had been ill several months.

He was born Sept. 2, 1942.

Survivors include his wife, his parents, a brother and a sister.

Arrangements are pending at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Services Held

WOLCOTTVILLE — Memorial services for **Ellen Marguerite Durfey** were at 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 27, 2001, at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

The Rev. Clarence Combs officiated.

COLON, Mich. — Services for **Vicki D. Bowman** were at 1 p.m. Monday, April 30, 2001, with the Rev. Mike Stanley officiating.

Burial was at Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Pallbearers were Jimmy Bowman Jr., Rodney and Michael Bowman, David Thiel, Tony Mongognia and Kevin Woodman.

Adrian Shell

TOPEKA — Adrian E. Shell, 58, died at 8:20 p.m. Monday, April 30, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange. He had been ill several months.

He lived in Topeka for 17 years. Before that he lived in Ligonier. He was a 1960 graduate of Ligonier High School. He had been employed at Starcraft, where he was a mill operator, since 1968. He served in the U.S. Army from 1964-1966. He was a member of Wawaka Church of the Brethren, and the Elkhart County Snowmobile Club, with which he had served on the board of directors, served as treasurer and had been a trail section leader. He had served as president of the board of directors of Starcraft Credit Union. He enjoyed mushroom hunting and fishing.

He was born Sept. 2, 1942, in Wolf Lake to Earnest and Donnabell (Stahly) Shell, who survive in Ligonier. On Dec. 18, 2000, in LaGrange he married Susan Childs, who survives in Topeka.

Also surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Robert J. and Loretta Shell of Shipshewana; a sister and brother-in-law, Loretta and Joe Bear of Tipton; two stepsons, Perry Hunter of Warsaw and Randy Hunter of Goshen; a stepdaughter, Shelly Allee of New Castle; two nephews, Larry Bear of Tipton and Matthew Shell of Goshen; two nieces, Mary (Bear) Clouser of Delphi and Jennifer Shell of Bloomington; and two great-nephews, Joe and Jacob Clouser of Delphi.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Earl Coates officiating. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Elkhart County Snowmobile Club or the Kidney-Cancer Association, 1234 Sherman Ave., Suite 203, Evanston, IL 60202.

Edith Sipe

ALBION — Edith F. Sipe, 86, died Sunday, April 1, 2001, at Hamilton Grove Retirement Community, South Bend.

She lived in Albion several years before moving to South Bend. She was formerly employed by Farm Bureau of Albion and retired from the accounting department of Peter Eckrich & Co., Fort Wayne.

She was born Nov. 11, 1914, in Jackson Township, Randolph County, to Noah I. and Bertha (Byrum) Banta.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Maxine and Russell Healey of Livingston, Texas; a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Sue Sipe of South Bend; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

A brother, Carl Banta, and a sister, Ruth (Banta) Mangas, preceded her in death.

Memorial graveside services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion, with Pastor Ann Marshall officiating.

Local arrangements are by Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

Helen LeMaster

KENDALLVILLE — Helen Mae LeMaster, 87, died at 8:40 a.m. Tuesday, May 1, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

She was a homemaker who worked in the cafeteria at Brighton School, Brighton. She lived most of her life in LaGrange County. She was a member of Brimfield United Methodist Church, Brimfield.

She was born Aug. 15, 1913, in Grover Hill, Ohio, to George E. and Ora Mae (Webb) Wunder. On Feb. 17, 1934, in LaGrange, she married LaVerne M. LeMaster, who survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jane E. and Robert Gortner of Muncie; two brothers, Lawrence Wunder of Sebring, Fla., and John Wunder of Dayton, Ohio; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Two brothers and a sister preceded her in death.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Michael Neff officiating. Burial will be at Brighton Cemetery, Brighton.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

Services Held

WOLCOTTVILLE — Mass of Christian Burial for **Richard T. Maybee** was at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 1, 2001, at St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City. The Rev. Father Robert Hoevel officiated.

Burial was at Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Pallbearers were Dick Isaac, Bob Nicholas, Wilbur West, Casey Brickley, Dean Domer and Wayne Davis.

Arrangements were by Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

KENDALLVILLE — Graveside services for **Phyllis J. Clawson** were at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Eden Cemetery, Topeka. The Rev. Lee Combs officiated.

Pallbearers were Brian, Rick, John and Tin Clawson, Harold Schauber and Wayne Keck.

Arrangements were by Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

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Dale E. Meyer

ALBION-Dale E. Meyer, 88, died at 8:55 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, 2001 in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born on November 19, 1912 in Berne, Indiana to Harvey and Elizabeth Meyer. On December 24, 1931 he married Virginia C. Holocaer. She survives.

He retired from Dana Corp. of Ft. Wayne in 1974, was a member of Albion Wesleyan Church, the Odd Fellows Lodge of Churubusco and a Charter Member of the Roving Red Bird Camping Club.

Survivors include his wife Virginia Meyer of Albion; daughter and son-in-law Janet and Robert Miller of Albion; daughter and son-in-law Pat and Duane Norris also of Albion; son and daughter-in-law Duane and Donna Meyer of Fort Wayne; daughter-in-law Jean Meyer of Blue Lake; 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; one brother Ted Meyer of Fort Wayne; four sisters Eunice Carr, Eileen Sufterlin and Harvena Friemuth all of Fort Wayne and Mary Shoudel of Churubusco.

He was preceded in death by a son Dale R. Meyer; three brothers Harry, Elmer and Edward and two sisters Helen Lorenz and Dorothy Draper.

Services were held on Saturday, April 28, 2001 at the Albion Wesleyan Church with Pastor Eric Ball officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the church.

Patricia Huff, 61

LIGONIER-Patricia S. Huff, 61, died Monday, April 23, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

She worked at Ligonier Tire Co. for 22 years, retiring in 1991.

She was born Jan. 24, 1940, in Brimfield to Tony W. and Faye Doris (Ackerman) Huff.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Edward Sr. and Lois Huff of Kendallville; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Darlene and Lee Dixon and Claudette Mawhorter, all of Big Turkey Lake, LaGrange, Nancy and Ollie Kemplin of LaOtto and Linda Mitchell of Berwind, W. V.; a granddaughter, Tammy Huff of Mt. Pleasant, Mich.; a grandson, Edward Huff Jr. of Albion; and several nieces and nephews. Also surviving is her best friend, Shirley Gasho of Ligonier.

Services were held on Friday, April 27, 2001 at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Revs. Cecil and Quint Zimmerman of Lighthouse Tabernacle, Kimmell, officiating. Burial was at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Dr. Wm. Cecil Fitzpatrick, 84

WARREN-Dr. Wm. Cecil Fitzpatrick, 84, died on April 27, 2001 at 7:50 p.m. at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren, IN.

Dr. Fitzpatrick was born on February 15, 1917 in Stearns KY. On August 5, 1939 in Elwood, IN he married Patricia Conwell.

He was a 1935 Graduate of Elwood High School, a 1940 Graduate of Indiana University and received his Doctorate of Dentistry Degree from Indiana University.

Dr. Fitzpatrick had been a dentist in Elwood for many years retiring in 1980. He had retired to the United Methodist Memorial Home in 1993. He had spent several winters in the Avon Park, FL area. He was a veteran of the US Army where he served in the Army Dental Corp from 1943 to 1946, a member of the Kiwanis Club in Elwood and North Webster, the church choir at the United Methodist Memorial Home, life member of the Indiana Dental Society and the Indiana University Alumni Association.

He had been the Pipe Creek Township Trustee in Elwood and he was instrumental in the construction of the Frankton High School. He was very active in many church organizations and formerly attended the First United Methodist Church in North Webster.

Surviving are his wife Patricia (Conwell) Fitzpatrick of Warren; a daughter Sue A. and her husband Tom Henderson of Columbus; a son William H. and wife Linda Fitzpatrick of Anamosa, Iowa; a son John K. and his wife Beverly Fitzpatrick of Albion; four granddaughters Cynthia Sams, Kelly Fitzpatrick and Danielle Fitzpatrick all of Anamosa, Iowa, Sarah Fitzpatrick of Albion; three grandsons William Henderson of Greenwood, James Henderson of Lafayette and Sean Fitzpatrick of Albion; four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother Robert H. Fitzpatrick.

Services were held at United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren on Tuesday, May 1, 2001 with Reverend Charles Elam, Rev. John Pattiso, Rev. John Bellante and Rev. Mike Beall officiating. Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery in Warren.

Preferred memorials are to the United Methodist Memorial Home Choir Music Fund, Alzheimer's Association P. O. Box 4204 South Bend, IN 46634 or Donors Choice.

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Varner Chance

WARSAW - Varner M. Chance, 91, of Grace Village Retirement Center of Warsaw (formerly of North Webster) died on Tuesday, April 24, 2001, at 11:40 a.m. in Kosciusko Community Hospital.

He was born on September 27, 1909 in Westfield, Indiana to Alvin and Ella (Mills) Chance. On August 14, 1937 he married Anna C. Heisler, she survives.

Mr.Chance was Director of Music for the Epworth Forest Institutes from 1940 to 1966. He then founded and directed the Epworth Forest Choir School which was under his auspices from 1955-1969 and 1979-1991.

He was born and raised in Westfield, Indiana. He graduated from Westfield High School and received his bachelor and master degrees from Jordan Conservatory of Music at Butler University.

He taught public school music in Etna Green and Fort Wayne where he also was the supervisor of music for the Fort Wayne School Corporation. He then headed music education departments at Baldwin Wallace College and Illinois Wesleyan University.

In 1972, he founded and directed the Sounds of Hope Goodwill European Tours until 1992.

Moving to Epworth Forest in 1966, he finished his teaching career at Wawasee School Corporation in Syracuse, Indiana, where he began the orchestra program and taught high school choral music. During his career, he directed numerous church choirs in Indiana, Ohio and Illinois.

Chance was a member of various United Methodist churches, a 50-year member of Rotary, a Paul Harris Fellow, and received the Sagamore of the Wabash Award.

Surviving are his wife Anna; one daughter Mrs. Kirk (Rebecca) Carrington of Columbia City; three grandchildren Margaret Imhof of Albion, Elaine Remole of Kankakee, Illinois and Tim Andrews of Albion; five grandchildren; one sister Reba Chase.

Private family services were held with burial in Stoney Point Cemetery, Leesburg.

Memorials are to Epworth Forest Choir School Scholarship Fund, Sounds of Hope Alumni Association, or American Diabetes Association.

A Memorial Service for Varner M. Chance will be held Saturday, May 5, 2001 at the First United Methodist Church 179 South Indiana Street, Warsaw, IN at 1:00 PM.

This obituary is being reprinted to add Memorial Services information.

Edith F. Sipe

NEW CARLISLE-Edith F. Sipe, 87, died on Sunday, April 1, 2001 at 4:15 p.m. at Hamilton Grove Retirement Community. She was a long time resident of Albion.

She was born on November 11, 1914 in Jackson Township, Randolph County, Indiana to Noah I. and Bertha (Byrum) Banta, both deceased.

She was formerly employed by Farm Bureau Insurance Co. of Albion and retired from the accounting department of Peter Eckrich & Co., Inc. in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include: One daughter and son-in-law, Maxine and Russell Healey of Livingston, Texas; one son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Sue Sipe of South Bend; six grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother Carl Banta and a sister Ruth (Banta) Mangas.

Memorial graveside services will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion, IN on Saturday, May 5, 2001 at 11:00 AM with Pastor Ann Marshall officiating.

Loretta Clark, 57

GOSHEN-Loretta May Clark, 57, died at 4:18 a.m. Monday, April 30, 2001, at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, after an extended illness. She had a lung transplant in September 1992 and lived on a single lung.

She lived most of her life in the Goshen area and attended Goshen High School. She worked at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, retiring on disability status in October 1987 due to a lung disorder.

She was born in Avilla Sept. 27, 1943, to Howard and Laverne (King) Johnson. On Aug. 3, 1988, in Port Orchard, Wash., she married James J. Clark, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, William H. Gosnell Jr. of Elkhart and Thomas R. Gosnell of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Victoria L. Seitz and Melane S. Gosnell, both of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters, Stephanie Mounsey of Millersburg and Tawna P. Clark of Silverdale, Wash.; five brothers, Delbert, Roger and Kenneth Johnson, all of Albion, Rollin Johnson of Columbia City and Harold Johnson of Avilla; three sisters, Betty Clouse of Albion, Lotty Parry of Houston, Texas, and Beatrice Eppert of Syracuse; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Memorial services are 10 a.m. Saturday, May 5, 2001 at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, with Pastor Sue Montgomery of Hill Crest United Methodist Church. Elkhart, officiating. Her body was donated to the anatomical education program at Indiana University Medical School.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the South Bend Chapter of the American Lung Association.

Jonas Mast

GOSHEN — Jonas Mast, 73, died at 10:10 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, 2001, in the Goshen General Hospital emergency room.

He spent most of his life around the Goshen area. He was a farmer who was currently working at Raber Patio Enclosures, Shipshewana. He was a member of Living Water Mennonite Church and served many years with MCC Meat Canning and the Relief Sale.

Mr. Mast

He was born May 31, 1927, in Arthur, Ill., to Andrew and Lydia (Schrock) Mast. On Feb. 14, 1952, in Nappanee, he married Clara Nissley, who survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Erma and Ed Wilkerson and Carol and Gene Beachy, all of Middlebury, Margaret and Marvin Troyer of Goshen and Virginia Troyer of Albuquerque, N.M.; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Mary Mast of Goshen; four sisters, Sarah Gingerich of Arcola, Ill., Anna Plank of Arthur, Ill., Rebecca Hochstedler of Tuscola, Ill., and Sovilla Gingerich of Sullivan, Ill.; two brothers, Will Mast of Arthur, Ill., and Fred Mast of Mifflinburg, Pa.; and 12 grandchildren.

Two brothers, Joe and Levi Mast, preceded him in death.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Griner Mennonite Church, Middlebury, with the Rev. Todd Neuschwander of Living Water Mennonite Church officiating. Burial will be at Clinton Union Cemetery, Goshen.

Calling is 5-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday and an hour before services Saturday at Griner Mennonite Church.

Memorials are to the Living Water Mennonite Church building fund.

Arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Robert Myers

HOWE — Robert L. Myers, 76, died at home Tuesday, May 1, 2001.

He was a retired farmer who moved from Milan, Mich., to LaGrange County in 1926. He was a 50-year member and past master of Meridian Sun 76 F&AM, and a 50-year member and past patron of Sylvan Chapter 251 OES. He was a former Lima Township school bus driver and a member of the LaGrange County Farm Bureau.

He was born June 27, 1924, in Milan to E. Owen and Sylvia (Ernsberger) Myers. On Aug. 5, 1945, in Waynetown, he married Josephine Rusk, who survives in Howe.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Leo Johnston of Howe; a son and daughter-in-law, Gary L. and Michelle Myers of Howe; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A sister, Irene Depew, preceded him in death.

Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Dr. Terry Timson officiating. Burial will be at Brighton Cemetery, Howe.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lima Presbyterian Church, Howe.

Ben Smith

SYRACUSE — Ben Leighton Smith, 59, died Tuesday, May 1, 2001, at Goshen General Hospital.

The Ligonier native was a self-employed painter and a former free-lance writer and editor for the Advance-Leader.

Surviving are his wife, Judith Kline-Smith; his father, Richard Smith of Ligonier; a daughter, Julie Smith of Springfield, Mo.; a son, Justin Smith of Wawaka; a stepdaughter, Barbara Koenig of Indianapolis; a stepson, Duane Vultaggio of Indianapolis; two grandchildren; and three stepgrandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at First English Lutheran Church, Goshen. Burial will be at Syracuse Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home Harris Chapel, Syracuse.

Wava Prentice

HUDSON — Wava A. Prentice, 77, died Wednesday, May 2, 2001, at 11:35 p.m. in Kendallville Manor nursing home.

Mrs. Prentice was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of the area. She was a member of the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and its ladies aid.

She was born Oct. 6, 1923, in Steuben County to Ford and Zoe (Cox) Shields.

She married Ralph E. Prentice on April 26, 1941, in Corunna. He died March 30, 2000.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Farrel Miller of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Ronnie and Gloria Prentice of rural Hudson; six grandchildren. Lisa Esterline; Randy, Chris and Chad Prentice; and Todd and Angela Miller; one great-grandchild and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

A son, Larry, preceded her in death in 1972.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in rural Hudson. Pastor Mark Niemoeller will officiate. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

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Sue Clark

WOLCOTTVILLE — Sue Holsinger Clark, 62, died March 12, 2001, in San Francisco, Calif.

She was born in Noble County. The Rome City High School graduate was a hair dresser and worked in the electrical supply business.

Surviving are two daughters, Eugena Hill of Sun Valley, Calif., and Christina Modia of Oklahoma City, Okla.; a brother, John Holsinger Jr. of Wolcottville; a sister, Dorothy Shull Pepple of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren. Also surviving is her companion, Floyd Robinson of San Francisco.

Mrs. Clark

Her husband, Dick Clark, preceded her in death in 1982.

Memorial services are 11 a.m. May 12 at Brimfield United Methodist Church, Brimfield. Burial was in San Francisco.

Memorials are to the hospice home of the donor's choice.

Mary Fuelling

NEW HAVEN — Mary A. Fuelling, 71, died Wednesday, May 2, 2001, at home.

The Monroeville native retired in 1990 as a vending hostess for ARA Services after 15 years.

Surviving are two sons, Mark Fuelling of Fort Wayne and Steven Fuelling of New Haven; four daughters, Ann Fuelling, Barbara Gambrell, Marilyn Haynes and Lois Desch, all of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Walter Savieo of Rome City, Louis Theodore "Ted" Savieo of Payne, Ohio, and Fred Savieo of New Haven; a sister, Frieda Gerardot of New Haven; and 12 grandchildren.

Her husband, Carlos H. Fuelling, preceded her in death in 1990.

Prayers are 9:30 a.m. Saturday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Ind. 930 East, New Haven. Mass of Christian Burial is 10 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 943 Powers St., New Haven. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, with a rosary said there at 8:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Masses or Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Gilbert Ortiz

ST. JOE — Gilbert Alphonso Ortiz, 59, died early Thursday, May 3, 2001, at his home on State Road 1. He had been in failing health for several years.

Mr. Ortiz was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church at Hicksville, Ohio. He had worked at Sechler's Pickle factory of St. Joe, County Line Cheese of Auburn, Hageman Construction of Fort Wayne and Hendrickson Suspension at Butler. He was retired because of ill health.

Mr. Ortiz

He was born Jan. 4, 1942, at Rockford, Ohio, to Florencio and Carmen Morales Ortiz.

He married Betty Ocampo at Decatur on Nov. 23, 1961. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Vivian and Kent Likes of Butler, Victoria and Julio Padilla of Auburn and Valerie Ortiz of Buchanan, Mich.; three sons and daughters-in-law, Gilbert Eugene and Teri Ortiz of Ossian, Louie and Barb Ortiz of Spencerville and Kevin and Tara Ortiz of Auburn; nine grandchildren; two brothers, Paul of Decatur and John of Fort Wayne; 10 sisters, Mary Razo of Decatur, Margaret Nieto of Rockdale, Texas, Christina Contrez of Hicksville, Ohio, Josephine Navarro of Delta, Ohio, Gloria Jasso of Antwerp, Ohio, Dorothy Chew of St. Joe, Hope Esquivel of Hicksville, Ohio, Arbella Sanchez of Victoria, Texas, Juanita Gonzalez of Fort Pierce, Fla., and Carmen Garcia of Hicksville.

Services will be held Monday at 9 a.m. (Indiana time) at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hicksville. Father Thomas Oedy, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery at Hicksville.

Calling is Saturday after 6 p.m. and Sunday from 2-8 p.m. (Indiana times) at Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville. A rosary service will be conducted Sunday at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Allen County Cancer Society, Parkview Home Health Care and Hospice or St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Marvin Hochstetler

MILLERSBURG — Marvin A. Hochstetler, 51, died at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, 2001, at Goshen General Hospital.

He lived in Millersburg 10 years, moving there from Topeka. He worked at L and W Engineering, Middlebury. Before that he worked at Carriage Inc. in Millersburg, and Starcraft in Topeka and Goshen. He served in the U.S. Army in the Vietnam War and was a member of the Millersburg American Legion.

He was born Sept. 17, 1949, in Centerville, Mich., to Albert L. and Lizzie (Bontrager) Hochstetler, who survive in Sturgis, Mich.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Dawn and Mike Brown of Bristol, Angela F. Hochstetler of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Diana L. Hochstetler of Wawaka; a son, Christopher M. Hochstetler of LaGrange; seven brothers, Amos A. Hochstetler of Milford, William A. and Freeman A. Hochstetler, both of Sturgis, Mich., Alvin A. Hochstetler of Goshen, Levi A. Hochstetler of Elizabethton, Tenn., LeeRoy A. Hochstetler of Constantine, Mich., and Ray A. Hochstetler of LaGrange; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Samuel Hochstetler, in 1985.

Services are 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, with Pastor Gene Brown of Maple Grove Church, Topeka, officiating. Burial will be at Brown Cemetery, Millersburg.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Leora Small

WARSAW — Leora I. Small, 56, died at 4:55 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw.

She was a former resident of Syracuse and a member of Syracuse Church of God. She worked at Penn Controls, Goshen, and loved to play bingo.

She was born March 16, 1945, in Syracuse to Walter and Gwendolyn (Rogers) Williams. On Nov. 16, 1959, in Las Vegas, Nev., she married Reese Small, who survives in Syracuse.

Also surviving are three daughters, Sharol Hershberger of Cromwell, Teri Kuhn of Belvidere, N.J., and Tami Freed of Wakarusa; three sisters, Julia Harmon of Austin, Texas, Artista Anaya of Corona, Calif., and Elma Foust of Ligonier; five brothers, Quentin Williams of Corona, Calif., Roger Williams of Camarillo, Calif., Melvin Williams of Ligonier, David Williams of Houston, Texas, and Lawrence Williams of Santa Rosa, Calif.; seven granddaughters; two great-grandsons; and several nieces and nephews.

A sister, Glenora Williams, preceded her in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Syracuse Church of God, 104 E. Washington St., Syracuse, with the Rev. Harry Gates officiating. Burial will be at Syracuse Cemetery, Syracuse.

Calling is 3-7 p.m. Sunday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, and an hour before services Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the Multiple Sclerosis Association, 733 Third Ave., New York, NY 10017.

James Clendenon

KENDALLVILLE — James Clendenon of Kendallville died at 4:55 a.m. today, May 4, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Orin 'Dick' Lower

KENTON, Ohio — Orin V. "Dick" Lower, 73, of Kenton, Ohio, died Thursday, May 3, 2001 at his home.

He had retired from United Feeds of Sheridan, Ind., after 10 years. He had previously farmed in Wawaka and Rushville, Ind. He attended Manchester College.

He was a member of St. Johns United Church of Christ and a former member of New Salem Methodist Church in Indiana. He belonged to the New Salem Lions Club for 19 years and was also a member of the Rush County Fair Board and the Pork Producers of Rush County. He was superintendent of swine at the Rush County Fair, and a past member and active supporter of 4-H. He was an honoree of the 4-H Achievement Program, the sponsor of a 10-year 4-H swine member and participated in the annual Community Appreciation Hog Roast.

He was born Feb. 3, 1928, in Wawaka, to Alton and Margaretta (Randolph) Lower. He first married Carolyn Gappinger, who died in 1991. On April 18, 1992, he married Sharyn Sprang, and she survives at home.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Teresa Meyer of and Lori and Mark Hoeing, all of Rushville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Greg and Linda Lower of Adams, Ind., and Tim Lower of Rushville; a stepson, Scott Sprang of Kenton; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mindy; two sons, Randy and Kevin; two brothers, Orlin and Robert; and three sisters, Nellie Goings, Marianne Woolsey and Roberta Domrowski.

Funeral services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Moster and Cox Mortuary in Rushville. Graveside services will be Monday at 3 p.m. at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion. Calling will be Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hardin Hospice Care in Kenton, Saint Johns United Church of Christ in Rushville or the church or charity of the donor's choice.

Marvin Hochstetler

GOSHEN — Marvin A. Hochstetler, 51, of Millersburg, died Wednesday, May 2, 2001, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mr. Hochstetler had worked at L and W Engineering in Middlebury, Carriage, Inc., in Millersburg and Starcraft in Topeka and Goshen. A U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War, he was a member of the Millersburg American Legion.

He was born Sept. 17, 1949, in Centerville, Mich., to Albert L. and Lizzie (Bontrager) Hochstetler, and his parents survive in Sturgis, Mich.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Dawn and Mike Brown of Bristol, Angela F. Hochstetler of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Diana L. Hochstetler of Wawaka; a son, Christopher M. Hochstetler of LaGrange; two grandchildren; seven brothers, Amos A. of Milford, William A. and Freeman A., both of Sturgis, Alvin A. of Goshen, Levi A. of Elizabethtown, LeeRoy A. of Constantine, Mich., and Ray A. of LaGrange.

One brother, Samuel, preceded him in death in 1985.

Services will be Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen, with the Rev. Gene Troyer of the Maple Grove Church in Topeka officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Brown Cemetery, Millersburg. Memorials are to the Marvin A. Hochstetler Family.

Elizabeth Johnson

GOSHEN — Elizabeth M. Johnson, 90, of Goshen, died Thursday, May 3, 2001, at Carriage Manor Health Care. She had worked as a custodian at Seagrams Distillery.

She was born Sept. 25, 1910, in LaGrange, Ky., to James and Ida Crawford.

On March 20, 1930, she married Buck Johnson, and he preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, George Johnson of Rolla, Mo.; four grandchildren, Joe Johnson of Syracuse, and Tonya Mazurkiewicz and Tony and Terry Johnson, all of St. Louis, Mo.; and nine great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Saint Stephen's Cemetery in Louisville, Ky., with the Rev. William Richardson officiating. Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Services Held

LIGONIER — Services for **Adrian E. Shell**, 58, of Topeka, were held Friday at 11 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Earl Coates officiating.

Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier. Pall bearers were Lester Graber, Mark Rhorer, Dave Frey, Lanny Meroney, Les Rosenogle and Roy Huber.

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James Clendenon

KENDALLVILLE — James A. Clendenon, 68, of Kendallville, died Friday, May 4, 2001, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Clendenon

Mr. Clendenon worked for K&G Manufacturing in Fort Wayne for 28 years, and recently worked for S&S Tire in Kendallville. He was a Korean War veteran. He was a member of VFW Post 2749 of Kendallville and the Kendallville Elks and Moose lodges.

He was born in Culpeper, Va., on Feb. 18, 1933, to Edwin and Sarah (Beahm) Clendenon. On Oct. 4, 1958, in Cleveland, Ohio, he married Nancy Ellen Wiggins and his wife survives at home.

Also surviving are three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Margaret Robinson of West Newton, Pa., Ruth and Donald Stoioff of Monongabela, Pa., and Phyllis and Thad Curry of Luray, Va.

Four brothers, John Russell, Charles Edwin, Robert James and infant Marion Clendenon, and a sister, Shiela Mason, preceded him in death.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Dan Barker of Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home, with services by the Elks at 7:45 p.m.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery. Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Retired businessman Ford Deihl dies

KENDALLVILLE — Ford Eugene Deihl, 89, of Kendallville, died Friday, May 4, 2001 at his home.

Mr. Deihl was the owner and operator of Deihl's Sporting Goods from 1951 to 1975, the year he retired. He was a member of the Kendallville Elks.

He was born Aug. 29, 1911, in Keyser Township, DeKalb County, to Harry and Bertha (Olinger) Deihl.

On Nov. 20, 1936, he married Ivah Lucille Hochenbarger, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sisters, Olive Frederick of Auburn, Ilif Berrens of Howe and Lois Yarde of Avilla.

Two brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Trinity Church United Methodist, with the Rev. Dave Hoggsett and the Rev. Don Barker officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Parkview Health Care Hospice, LaGrange Branch.

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Bessie Grogg

LAGRANGE — Bessie Janice Grogg, 74, of LaGrange, died at 11 p.m. Friday, May 4, 2001, at her residence.

On Oct. 30, 1926, in Benton, Ind., she was born to Elza and Elizabeth (James) Gage. She married Francis J. "Duke" Grogg in LaGrange on June 26, 1953. He survives.

She moved from Sturgis, Mich., to LaGrange in 1953 and was retired from the LaGrange County Auditor's Office after 15 years of service.

Mrs. Grogg was a member of First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange where she was a former Sunday School teacher. She was also a member of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary and a former Cub Scout leader.

Surviving in addition to her husband are a daughter, Sherry Lemp, Fort Wayne; two sons, Michael J. Lemp, Orland, and Gary F. Grogg, LaGrange; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A brother, Robert B. Gage, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Stanley Wilson officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Ruth Shields

ATLANTA, Ga. — Ruth Evelyn Shields, 92, of Atlanta, Ga., formerly of Kendallville, died at 8 p.m. Friday, May 4, 2001, in Piedmont Hospital, Atlanta.

On Sept. 6, 1908, in LaGrange County, she was born to James B. and Myrtle May (Collins) Bovee. She married Jessie Shields on Nov. 8, 1930, in Angola.

She lived in Kendallville from 1931 to 1955, and lived in Pennsylvania and Florida before moving to Atlanta.

Mrs. Shields was a homemaker and a member of First Christian Church while living in Kendallville.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jerome "Jerry" and Minla Shields, Atlanta, Ga., and a granddaughter, Audrey Shields, Atlanta.

Two brothers, Russell and Harold Bovee, and a sister, Wava McKee, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker of Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Chandler Lubke

FORT WAYNE — Chandler N. Lubke, 16, died Friday, May 4, 2001, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, following an auto accident.

On June 12, 1984, he was born to Lynn and Janet Lubke in San Angelo, Texas. They survive in Fort Wayne.

He was a student at Carroll High School in Allen County, a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Mount Calvary Lutheran Church Youth Group, Antwerp, Ohio.

Surviving in addition to his parents are two sisters, Candace Lubke, San Angelo, Texas, and Courtney Lubke, Fort Wayne; paternal grandparents, Ray and Sue Lubke, Brady, Texas; maternal grandparents, Harold and Ruth Connelly, Eden, Texas; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne.

A memorial service will also be conducted at Carroll High School at 2:25 p.m. Monday.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church Youth Group, Eden, Texas, or Mount Calvary Lutheran Church Youth Group, Antwerp, Ohio.

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Zale Feasel

AUBURN — Zale Edward Feasel, 65, of Auburn, died at 5:20 a.m. Saturday, May 5, 2001, at his residence.

On Aug. 27, 1935, in Fort Wayne, he was born to Zilas and Goloa (Cookson) Feasel. He married Marilyn Kraus, who survives.

He was former owner of Feasel's Inc. and retired in 1977. He had worked at Indiana Auto Auction the past 13 years.

Mr. Feasel was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War, a member of the Garrett American Legion and a devout Catholic.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a daughter, Karen D. Feasel, Valparaiso; two sons, Douglas E. Feasel and Michael S. Feasel, both of Auburn; and a sister, Mrs. Barbara (Floyd) Malchow, Scottsdale, Ariz.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to Rise Inc., 1600 Wohlert St., Angola, IN 46703.

Northeast Indiana Cremation Society is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS-SUN MONDAY, MAY 7, 2001

Garnet Mapes

KENDALLVILLE — Garnet B. Mapes, 93, died at 10:25 p.m. Saturday, May 5, 2001, in her daughter's Garrett home.

She moved to Avilla when she was 7 years old and had lived in Kendallville since 1945. She graduated from Avilla High School in 1926, ranking second in her class. She was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, since 1934 and taught Sunday school there for many years. She was also involved in the United Methodist Women and the Lydia Circle. She was a board member and officer of the Noble County Democratic Party and was a past board member of the Noble County Foundation, Albion. In the past she helped a local Cub Scout troop as a leader.

She was born Dec. 23, 1907, in Star City to William R. and Carrie (Freeman) Ross. On Sept. 27, 1933, in Avilla she married William Albert Mapes, who preceded her in death Feb. 15, 1945.

Also preceding her in death were two sons, John Ross Mapes in 1963 and Neil Thomas Mapes in 1970; a brother, Paul Meredith Ross; and a sister, Mary Hoon.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, William E. and Marilyn Mapes of Salt Lake City, Utah; two daughters and a son-in-law, Carolyn and Perry Hirst of Anderson and Marcia Riley of Garrett; a brother, Carl Herron Ross of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Church United Methodist with the Rev. Drs. David Hogsett and Daniel Barker officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the church or Parkview Memorial Hospice.

Dean Rhoades

ANGOLA — Dean Rhoades, 74, of Angola, died Sunday, May 6, 2001, at Porter Memorial Hospital, Valparaiso.

Mr. Rhoades was a retired delivery route driver for Holsum Bakery, Angola. He was a former member of the Masonic Lodge and Shrine Club.

He was born Nov. 28, 1926, in Dayton, Ohio, to Cecil Perry and Wilma Magdolena (Warring) Rhoades.

Surviving are his mother, Wilma Koehl of Vandalia, Ohio; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Nila and Randy Elliot of Auburn, Dawn and Bud Smith of Mongo, Denise and Lyle Hartranft of Corunna, and Barbara Bower of Bluffton; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Mike and Dara Rhoades of Wolverine, Mich., Darin and Shelley Rhoades of Angola, and Danny Rhoades of Dickinson, Texas; 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and a sister, Donna Stewart of Vandalia.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ava Jean (Showalter), on Oct. 19, 1969, and two daughters.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Guillian Barre Syndrome Foundation.

Jacqueline Bleeks

AUBURN — Jacqueline Bleeks, 78, died Saturday, May 5, 2001, at 3:29 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Bleeks was a homemaker and lived in Auburn. She was a member of the Harvest Club of Garrett.

She was born Feb. 23, 1923, in Leominster, Mass., to William and Yvonne (Bellefeville) Metivier.

She married Hubert Bleeks, who died in 1992.

Surviving her are two sons and one daughter-in-law, William Guy and Nancy Harvey of Scranton, Pa., and Robert Paul Hall Jr. of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Gertrude and Kenneth Judson of Pretty Lake, Wolcottville, and Diane and John Wallace of Auburn; one brother, Oliver "John" Metivier of Leomenster; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

One son, Harold Harvey; four brothers; and one sister preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Heimach Senior Center, Auburn.

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Richard Ahlersmeyer

FORT WAYNE — Richard E. Ahlersmeyer, 76, died Saturday, May 5, 2001, at home.

The Fort Wayne native was an accountant at General Electric Co., retiring in 1988 after 36 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard in World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Beverly Ahlersmeyer; three sons, Richard Ahlersmeyer of Tucson, Ariz., and Rodney D. and Michael A. Ahlersmeyer, both of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Diane Melton of Tucson, Ariz.; two stepsons, Kenneth E. Baker of Wolcottville and Richard A. Baker of Houston; a stepdaughter, Bonnie Higgins of Lakin, Kan.; two brothers, Carl Ahlersmeyer of Fort Wayne and Donald Ahlersmeyer of Muncie; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Burial will be at Concordia Gardens.

Calling is 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, or Messiah Lutheran Church, Wolcottville.

Arthur Tomlins

CHURUBUSCO — Arthur Tomlins, 72, died at 9:44 a.m. Sunday, May 6, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a retired manager for Dana Corp. and a veteran of the U.S. Army and the U.S. Air Force.

He was born Nov. 13, 1928, in Peru, Ill., to Arthur I. and Grace (Porter) Tomlins.

Surviving are his wife, Cecelia A. Morth Tomlins of Churubusco; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Howard Noah of Churubusco and Patty and Mario Zambrano of Brazil; a brother, George Tomlins of Phoenix, Ariz.; a grandson, Alexander Arthur Noah; and several nieces and nephews.

A brother, John Tomlins, and a grandson, Michael Foor, preceded him in death.

Memorial services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Vaughn Powell and George Tomlins officiating.

Calling is an hour before services Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Valley of Blessings Orphanage, Sao Paulo, Brazil, in care of the Tomlins family.

Merle Kibbey

KENDALLVILLE — Merle M. Kibbey, 88, died Saturday, May 5, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Kibbey

She worked at General Dynamics, Fort Wayne, for 22 years, retiring in 1970. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville.

She was born April 15, 1913, in Rochester, N.Y., to Charles L and Lillian M. (Dobbins) Sweet.

Surviving are a niece, Linda Brady of Fort Wayne; three great-nephews, Cris and Andrew Stout, both of Fort Wayne, and the Rev. David Stout of New York City.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Pierson "Pete" Thompson, in 1967; her second husband, Wayne Kibbey, in 1988; and a sister, Lorainne Stark.

Services are noon Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be at Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling is at the funeral home two hours before services.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Shelter, Kendallville.

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Raymond Schieber

WOLCOTTVILLE — Raymond E. Schieber, 87, died Saturday, May 5, 2001, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

The Payne, Ohio, native was a certified welder at Wayne Pump, retiring in 1970 after 35 years. He was also a bartender at Coody Brown's, Wolcottville. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy in World War II.

Surviving are a daughter, Beverly Ann Burlington of Decatur; a son, Stephen M. Schieber of Bluffton; a stepdaughter, Dixie A. Trainer of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; and 14 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his second wife, Anita Schieber, in 1998, and a stepson, Richard Maybee.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. Tuesday and an hour before services Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 381, Rome City.

Elizabeth Mahnensmith

OSSIAN — Elizabeth Roselie Mahnensmith, 88, died Saturday, May 5, 2001, at Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

The Rome City resident was a self-employed seamstress. She was a member of Eastern Star and Psi Iota Sorority. Her hobbies included ceramics, quilting and gardening.

She was born Sept. 16, 1912, in Bluffton to Omer M. and Myrl M. (Leichty) Stout.

Surviving are her husband, Glendin Mahnensmith; two sons, Michael Mahnensmith of Hawaii and Kent Mahnensmith of Rome City; three grandchildren, Clay, Chase and Gretchen; and a great-grandchild, Jasmine Elizabeth.

Memorial services are 3 p.m. Tuesday at Ossian United Methodist Church with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh officiating. Burial will be at Oaklawn Cemetery, Ossian.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the children of Ossian United Methodist Church.

Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Ossian Chapel is in charged of arrangement.

Harold Preston

FORT WAYNE — Harold F. "Cap" Preston, 95, died Saturday, May 5, 2001, at home.

He was retired after being self-employed as the owner of Cap's Tavern, The Cake Box Restaurant, The Hilltop Hose and Preston's Turkey Farm. He was a captain in the U.S. Air Force and a veteran of World War II. He was an aviation pioneer in the Fort Wayne area and enjoyed gardening and fishing.

He was born Oct. 15, 1905, in Quincy, Ill. He married his wife, Grace, in 1928. She preceded him in death in 1989.

Surviving are two daughters, Beverly L. Griffin and Patricia L. Sterling, both of Fort Wayne; three half-sisters, Blanche Griffin and Pat Geschwell, both of Fort Wayne, and Helen Miller of Elkhart; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services are 1 p.m. Wednesday at Peace United Church of Christ, 9123 Aboite Center Road. Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Chapel, 8325 Covington Road, and at the church an hour before services.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Aviation Museum for the Harold F. "Cap" Preston Memorial.

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Ray LeCount

LIGONIER — Ray Clinton LeCount, 79, died at 5:40 a.m. Tuesday, May 8, 2001, at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

The Ligonier resident was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II and a member of American Legion Post 243, Ligonier. He was an electrician for Paul R. Bicker & Sons and retired in 1983 from Essex Wire, Kendallville.

He was born Sept. 6, 1921, in Cromwell to Roscoe D. and Ethel G. (Stocker) LeCount. His first wife, Kathryn E. (Rames) LeCount, preceded him in death in 1975. In 1979 he married Louise Hall, who survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Bonnie and Roy Messer of Syracuse and Connie and Bob Clark of Cosperville; two stepdaughters, Donna Hall of Ligonier and Tammy Hall of Elkhart; a stepson, Robert Hall of Cromwell; four sisters, Mary Brocke of Syracuse, Martha Sprague and Ethel Lehman, both of Ligonier, and Luella Jones of Naples, Fla.; a brother, Jack LeCount of Ligonier; three grandsons; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Four brothers, Bob, Herb and Maurice LeCount, and Roscoe LeCount Jr., and a sister, Elsie Griffith, also preceded him in death.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Hubert Harriman officiating. Burial with military graveside rites by American Legion Post 243 will be at Orange Cemetery, Brimfield.

Calling is 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Everett Smith

ALBION — Everett D. Smith, 80, died at 10:30 p.m. Monday, May 7, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City. He had been in declining health for some time and entered the nursing home three weeks ago.

The rural Albion resident had lived at his farm home in Green Township since 1950. He spent the early years of his married life in Whitley County. He retired from farming in 1977 after being engaged in it in Green Township for most of his life.

He was born June 10, 1920, near New Paris to Joy D.L. and Anna Marie (Cart) Smith. On June 31, 1941, in Churubusco, he married Sara E. Gilbert, who preceded him in death Aug. 21, 1983.

Also preceding him in death were a brother, Dale Smith, and three sisters, Louise Helm, Berdeen Hutsell and Sharon Smith.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, James A. and Sharon Smith and Gary D. and Ellie Smith, all of rural Albion; a daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Troy Clouse of Syracuse; a brother and sister-in-law, Nelson and Martha Smith of Albion; a sister, Phyllis Penrose of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, pastor emeritus of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble County Relay for Life or the American Lung Association.

Arthur Voirol

AUBURN — Arthur E. Voirol, 90, died Tuesday, May 8, 2001, at 6:50 a.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

He was a machinist and repairman for International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 26 years, retiring in 1971. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn and United Auto Workers Local 57.

Mr. Voirol was born March 3, 1911, in Allen County to Jule S. and Julia N. (Gromeaux) Voirol.

He married Maxine Emenhiser on Aug. 7, 1937, in New Haven, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Dennis of Harlan, Duane of Auburn, Terry of Wolcottville, and Timothy of Spencerville; two sisters, Garnet Girardot and Eileen Lomont, both of New Haven; 16 grandchildren, seven stepgrandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Nadine Collette; a son, Stanley Stephen; five brothers, Cletus, Theodore, Kenneth, Leonard and Chester; and two sisters, Hilda Voirol and Helen Ort.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling after 9 a.m. Burial will be in St. Louis Besancon Cemetery in New Haven.

Calling is Thursday from 2-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to masses at the church.

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Billie Spriggs

SOUTH MILFORD — Billie Spriggs, 69, died Tuesday, May 8, 2001, at home in South Milford.

He was a member of The Church of The True God, South Milford. He worked in coal mines in Kentucky as a young man and retired from Newnam Foundry, Kendallville, in 1973 after 17 years.

He was born April 18, 1932, in Floyd County, Ky., to William and Virgie (Johnson) Spriggs. On June 25, 1955, in Angola, he married Norma Rose Swinehart, who survives in South Milford.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Bettina "Tina" Handshoe and Dana and Larry Nagel, all of South Milford; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Tracy and Barbara Spriggs of South Milford and Dean Spriggs; a brother and sister-in-law, Bobby and Betty Spriggs of Kendallville; a sister, Ruby Meade of Kendallville; and five grandchildren, Wendy, Angela and Abigail Handshoe and Samantha and Katlyn Nagel.

Preceding him in death were a son, Gary Allen Spriggs, in 1967; two brothers; and four sisters.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at The Church of the True God, South Milford, with the Revs. Sam Sawyer, Birtchell Mosley Jr. and Glen Patrick officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery, LaGrange County.

Calling is at the church after 5 p.m. Thursday and all day and evening Friday. Evening services are 7 p.m. Friday at the church.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Ruth Hettinger

LAGRANGE — Ruth E. Hettinger, 87, died Monday at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

The Akron Township, Mich., native retired in 1978 from the medical supply department at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne, after 10 years.

Surviving are two sons, Donald and Jerry Hettinger, both of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Mellany Mounsey of Lake of the Woods and Judith Arney and Kathy Gunter, both of Howe; a brother, Jack Hoffman of Anaheim, Calif.; 24 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Otto Hettinger, in 1983; a son, Richard Hettinger; and a daughter, Kay Keck.

Services are 2 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday and an hour before services Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Kidney Dialysis Center.

Karen Michael

KIMMELL — Karen Ann Michael, 42, died at 7:45 a.m. Monday, May 7, 2001, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn, where she had been hospitalized since Thursday.

She was living at Oak Meadows Learning Center, Auburn, and was formerly a resident of Kimmell. Due to a malady in infancy, she lived in nursing homes during her lifetime.

She was born Jan. 3, 1959, in Goshen to Ernest and Lois (Sheley) Michael. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother survives in Kimmell.

Also surviving are a brother, Timothy Michael of Millersburg; a sister, Terry Hullinger of Albion; three nieces; a nephew; two great-nephews; and a great-niece.

Memorial graveside services are 11 a.m. May 19 at Sparta Cemetery with the Rev. Larry Krebbs officiating.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Memorials are to Oak Meadows Learning Center, 1313 E. Seventh St., Auburn, IN 46706.

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John Conrad

AUBURN — John Conrad, 77, died Sunday, May 6, 2001, at 8 a.m. in his home on LaForge Lane, Auburn.

He was a lieutenant state conservation officer for Indiana for 32 years, retiring in 1985, and was an independent real estate broker. He was a former DeKalb County Council member, serving eight years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a member of the DeKalb County Sheriff's Association and Fraternal Order of Police, Pokagon Lodge 163.

Mr. Conrad was born June 11, 1923, in DeKalb County to James and Dorothy (Lockhart) Conrad.

He married Eileen Pinnington Steffen on June 27, 1964, in Barker's Chapel United Methodist Church, Waterloo, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, James Eric Conrad of Huntertown and John David Conrad of Auburn; one daughter, Linda Egly of Waterloo, two stepsons, Jimmy Steffen of Waterloo and Larry Steffen of Auburn; two brothers, Wayne Conrad of Ashley and James R. "Corky" Conrad of Auburn; one sister, Mary Ann Feredee of Windemere, Fla.; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Waterloo, officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery with military services by the Auburn post of the American Legion.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 6-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Michael Church or the DeKalb County D.A.R.E. program.

Thelma Bertsch

GARRETT — Thelma M. Bertsch, 77, died Sunday, May 6, 2001, at 1:28 p.m. in her home.

Mrs. Bertsch was a Garrett-area resident all her life. She was employed as a practical nurse and worked in child care. She was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett and the Garrett American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born to Charles W. and Georgia M. (Reed) Neible in St. John on March 20, 1924.

She married Albert L. Bertsch on May 3, 1941, in Defiance, Ohio, and he died July 31, 1990.

Surviving are one son, Robert L. Bertsch of Garrett; two daughters, Sherry Bell of Auburn and Sally Sanders of North Lewisburg, Ohio; five sisters, Margaret Pfeiffer of Kendallville, Donna King, Joan Sylvester and Jean Sezluga, all of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Brenda Sharpe of Pinto, Texas; five grandchildren, Jamie Bertsch of Hudson, Mike Bell of Auburn, Nathan Wilondek of Butler, Lisa Fenning of Angola, and Wendy Bell of of Churubusco; six stepgrandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Mary Elizabeth Bertsch; one son, Charles F. Bertsch; and three brothers, Charles W., Lee Allen and John Neible.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett, with Pastor Lloyd Mealer officiating.

Calling is today from 5-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to the Children First Center in Auburn.

Gerald Flack

ALBION — Gerald D. Flack, 77, died at 10 p.m. Saturday, May 5, 2001, at St. Vincent Hospital, Little Rock, Ark.

He was a retired educator for Ivy Tech and assistant principal for Washington Township School, Indianapolis. He lived for 30 years in Carmel, moving to the Albion area seven years ago. He was a graduate of Purdue and Ball State universities.

He was born Dec. 17, 1933, in Lafayette to Isaiah Flack, who preceded him in death, and Dorothy (Gellenbeck) Flack, who survives in Lafayette. In 1961 in Albion he married Sandra Jackson, who also survives.

Also surviving area daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Travis Andrews of St. Johnsbury, Vt.; a son and daughter-in-law, Neil and Wendy Flack of Indianapolis; a sister, Carolyn Sue Steinfeld of Cary, N.C.; two brothers, Robert Flack of Frankfort and Sam Flack of Lafayette; and a grandson, Ryan Andrews of St. Johnsbury.

Services are 11:30 a.m. Friday at Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the Leukemia Foundation.

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Marshall Chaffee

LAGRANGE — Marshall Henry Chaffee was stillborn at 2:37 p.m. Friday, May 4, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

His parents are members of Stroh Church of Christ.

Surviving are his parents, Grant E. and Jennifer L. (McGraw) Chaffee of LaGrange; a sister, Melody Rose Chaffee, at home; his grandparents, Vinnie and Nancy Siders of Angola and Steve and Louan Chaffee of Hudson; and three great-grandparents, Mike and Hilda McGraw of Fort Wayne and Edwyna Siders of Angola.

Graveside services are 3 p.m. Wednesday at Wright Cemetery, Hudson, with the Rev. Michael Hamm officiating.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the church.

Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Elsie Kiefer

FORT WAYNE — Elsie Kiefer, 78, died Sunday, May 7, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital.

The Hoagland native was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Gilbert G. Kiefer; two daughters, Virginia L Treace of Sapulpa, Okla., and Barbara J. Hamrick of Fort Wayne; six sisters, Ruth Gross of Rome City, Mildred Nagle, Gertrude Savage, Marilyn Felger and Doris Holmes, all of Fort Wayne, and Helen Baumgarte of Roanoke; three brothers, Gerhardt and Elmer Benzinger, both of Hoagland, and Richard Benzinger of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Emmaus Lutheran Church.

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Gerald D. Flack

ALBION- Gerald D. Flack, 67, died at 10:00 p.m. Saturday, May 5, 2001 at St. Vincent Hospital in Little Rock, Arkansas.

He was born December 17, 1933 in Lafayette, Indiana to Isaiah (deceased) and Dorothy (Gellenbeck) Flack. In 1961, he married Sandra Jackson in Albion. She and his mother survive.

Mr. Flack was a retired educator for Ivy Tech and assistant principle for Washington Twp. School in Indianapolis, IN. He was a graduate of Purdue University and Ball State University.

He lived in Carmel, IN for 30 years before moving to the Albion area seven years ago.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra Flack of Albion; his mother Dorothy Flack of Lafayette; one daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Travis Andrews of St. Johnsbury, VT; one son and daughter-in-law, Neil and Wendy Flack of Indianapolis, IN; one sister, Carolyn Sue Steinfield of Cary, NC; two brothers, Robert Flack of Frankfort, IN and Sam Flack of Lafayette, IN; and one grandson, Ryan Andrews of St. Johnsbury, VT.

Services will be held at 11:30 a.m., Friday May 11, 2001 at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Kendallville IN. Preferred memorials are to the Leukemia Foundation.

There is no visitation.

Everett D. Smith, 80

ALBION -- Everett D. Smith, 80, a resident of rural Albion, died at 10:30 p.m. Monday, May 7, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City. He had been in declining health for some time, and had entered the nursing home three weeks ago.

Mr. Smith was born on June 10, 1920 near New Paris, a son of Joy D. L. and Anna Marie Cart Smith. He was married to Sara E. Gilbert in Churubusco on June 30, 1941, and spent the early years of his marriage in Whitley County. He had lived at his present farm home in Green Township since 1950.

Engaged in farming in Green Township most of his life, he retired in 1977. Mrs. Smith preceded him in death on August 21, 1983.

The surviving relatives include two sons and daughters-in-law, James A. and Sharon Smith, and Gary D. and Ellie Smith, all of rural Albion; a daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Tony Clouse of Syracuse; a brother and sister-in-law, Nelson and Martha Smith of Albion; a sister, Phyllis Penrose of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, a brother Dale Smith and three sisters, Louise Heim, Berdeen Hutsell, and Sharon Smith preceded him in death.

The family will receive friends at the Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco on today from 2-8 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at the mortuary with Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, pastor emeritus of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating.

Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Noble County Relay for Life, or the American Lung Association.

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Harry Bontrager

BONDUEL, Wis. — Harry J. Bontrager, 95, died Wednesday, May 9, 2001.

He and his wife moved to Indiana from Kansas in 1940 and lived there for 50 years before moving to the Bonduel, Wis., area in 1990. He was a carpenter and farmer all his life and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Jan. 5, 1906, in Haven, Kan., to Jacob P. and Sara (Miller) Bontrager. On Jan. 13, 1927, in Haven, he married Polly Miller, who preceded him in death March 7, 1995.

A son, Andy Bontrager, two grandsons, five great-grandchildren, five sisters and a brother also preceded him in death.

Surviving are six daughters and five sons-in-law, Elizabeth and Noel Gerber of Middlebury, Ida and Dan Miller of Topeka, Ind., Martha and Elmer Yoder of Verona, Mo., Gertie and Mervin Eash of Shipshewana, Ola Bontrager of Sarasota, Fla., and Dorothy and Andy Miller of Norwood, Mo.; three sons and daughters-in-law, Ora and Alma Bontrager of Keosauqua, Iowa, and Ezra and Rosa Bontrager and Ivan and Arlene Bontrager, all of Bonduel; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ora and Dorothy Bontrager of LaGrange and Ira and Martha Bontrager of White Pigeon, Mich.; a sister, Ola Fry of Topeka; 67 grandchildren; 212 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Sunday at the Ezra Bontrager Home on Valley Road in Waukechon, Wis., with Bishop Leroy Nisley and Ira Mullet officiating. Burial will be at Valley View Cemetery, Washington, Wis.

Calling is at the Ezra Bontrager home from Friday afternoon until services Sunday.

Arrangements are by Wendt Funeral Home, Bonduel. Local arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home.

Theda Neukom

GARRETT — Theda L. Neukom, 74, died Tuesday, May 8, 2001, at 7:35 p.m., in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Neukom was a homemaker and lived her entire life in Garrett. She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church, Skirts & Shirts dance club in Auburn and Pistols & Petticoats in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Corunna on Sept. 15, 1926, to Howard M. and Avah B. (Freed) Krum.

She married Dale D. Neukom Sr. in Ashley on July 3, 1947, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Dale Jr. and Debbie Neukom of Garrett; one daughter and son-in-law, Debra Kay and Pat Casey of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Betty McKeever of Kendallville and Roma Ludwig of Granger; and five grandchildren, Nick, Keri, Brian and Michelle Neukom, all of Garrett, and Lissa Casey of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, June Holmes; and a daughter-in-law, Deborah McCullough Neukom.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in the Garrett United Methodist Church, with Dr. R. Larry Smith officiating. Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Louise Stubig

STURGIS, Mich. — Louise A. Stubig, 84, died at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, 2001, at Thurston Woods Village, Sturgis, Mich., after an extended illness.

A 1934 graduate of LaGrange High School, she was a Sturgis resident for the last eight years, and had been a White Pigeon, Mich., and Scott area resident for over 50 years. She was a self-employed housekeeper, waitress and maid, and had been employed by Farrand Funeral Home, White Pigeon. She was a member of Mottville Bible Church, a 40-year member of the Prairie Club, a 48-year member of the White Pigeon Grange and a two-year member of the Constantine Grange.

She was born Sept. 23, 1916, in Stroh to Chauncey and Edna (Camp) Shultz. On Aug. 31, 1941, in Kendallville, she married Henry W. Stubig, who preceded her in death July 20, 1983.

Five sisters and three brothers also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Norma Jean and Loren Lane of Sturgis and Linda and Steven Turner of Grant, Mich.; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Dorothy Rauh of Kendallville, Vivian Lane of Larida, Fla., and Phyllis and Henry Marqueling of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are 10 a.m. Indiana time Saturday at Farrand Funeral Home, White Pigeon, with the Rev. Patrick Neff, pastor of Porter Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at White Pigeon Township Cemetery.

Calling is 5-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Mottville Bible Church.

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John Aellig

FREMONT — John M. Aellig, 61, died Sunday, May 6, 2001, at Kendallville Manor Health Care.

He was a foreman for Toledo Scale Co. in Toledo, Ohio, retiring in 1984. He also did auction setup for Kigar Auctions. He lived in Fremont and was a member of the Angola Moose Lodge.

Mr. Aellig was born Aug. 20, 1939, in Toledo to Milton and Dolores (Roder) Aellig. They survive.

He married Mary Jane Wilcox on Jan. 14, 1958, in Toledo, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Jackie Aellig of Harrisville, R.I.; one daughter and son-in-law, Michele and Jim Mueller of Wildwood, Ill.; one sister, Karen Winslow of Toledo; and one grandson, John Michael Aellig.

Services will be held Saturday, May 19, at 11 a.m. in St. Michael Lutheran Church, 5990 W. Temperance Road, Ottawa Lake, Mich., with Pastor Bill Sullivan officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Harley Keller

HAMILTON — Harley Bert Keller, 79, died Tuesday, May 8, 2001, at 6 a.m. in his Hamilton home.

He owned and operated Bert's Bait Store in Hamilton for 50 years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Keller was born Sept. 20, 1921, in DeKalb County to Daniel and Maude (McCullough) Keller.

He married Margaret E. Davis on Oct. 22, 1950 in St. Joe. She died April 9, 1996.

Surviving him are two sisters, Edith Petty of Auburn and Bernice Derrow of Corunna; several nieces and nephews; and four stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one stepson, Richard E. Mast, and four brothers, Mack, Don, Ray and Joe Keller.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. David Payne officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo VFW.

The following obituary is being reprinted to correct inaccurate information provided to The News-Sun.

Gerald Flack

ALBION — Gerald D. Flack, 67, died at 10 p.m. Saturday, May 5, 2001, at St. Vincent Hospital, Little Rock, Ark.

He was a retired educator for Ivy Tech and assistant principal for Washington Township School, Indianapolis. He lived for 30 years in Carmel, moving to the Albion area seven years ago. He was a graduate of Purdue and Ball State universities.

He was born Dec. 17, 1933, in Lafayette to Isaiah Flack, who preceded him in death, and Dorothy (Gellenbeck) Flack, who survives in Lafayette. In 1961 in Albion, he married Sandra Jackson, who also survives.

Also surviving area daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Travis Andrews of St. Johnsbury, Vt.; a son and daughter-in-law, Neil and Wendy Flack of Indianapolis; a sister, Carolyn Sue Steinfeld of Cary, N.C.; two brothers, Robert Flack of Frankfort and Sam Flack of Lafayette; and a grandson, Ryan Andrews of St. Johnsbury.

Services are 11:30 a.m. Friday at Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society for Leukemia Research.

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Betty Ohlwine

ALBION — Betty J. Ohlwine, 76, died at 11:40 a.m. Thursday, May 10, 2001, at home. She was in failing health the last three years.

She was employed in Puritan Ice Cream's retail store in Kendallville and worked for two years at Uniform Printing Co., Kendallville. She attended Rehobeth Church in rural Albion.

She was born June 20, 1924, in Ligonier to Earl and Pearl (Lynn) Cook. In 1942 she married Mose Guthrie, who preceded her in death in 1976. On Feb. 25, 1978, in South Milford, she married James Ohlwine, who survives in Albion.

Also surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Jess Kilburn, Penny and David Dickey and Phyllis and Larry McGahen, all of Kendallville, Mary Helen and Clyde Rollins of Churubusco and Linda and Richard Ard of St. Joseph, Ill.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Ed and Ruth Guthrie and Greg and Judy Guthrie, all of Kendallville; a brother, John Cook of Spokane; three sisters, Maxine Prentice of Cromwell, Gladys Harrison of Dade City, Fla., and Rosie Dotson of Ligonier; 28 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Gerald Ringenberg officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice or the church.

Lowell Drudge

BREMEN — Lowell A. "Doc" Drudge, 81, died at 4:05 a.m. Thursday, April 10, 2001, at Community Hospital of Bremen after an illness.

The lifetime Bremen-area resident was a rural mail carrier in Bremen. He was a lifetime member of First United Church of Christ. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II. He was a member of the VFW and the American Legion, both in Bremen.

He was born Nov. 24, 1919 in Palestine, Ind., to Dr. Alfred and Respa (Bowser) Drudge. In 1939 he married Virginia Gunterman, who preceded him in death.

Two brothers, Larry and Dick Drudge, and a great-grandson also preceded him in death.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Jo Drudge of Rome City, and Ann and Mike Scott of Bremen; three sisters, Dorlyn Stebbins of Mishawaka, Donna Anderson of South Bend and Mary Troxel of Bremen; a brother, Dr. Harold Drudge of Lexington, Ky.; two granddaughters, Robyn Leyden and Cari Steinke, both of Indianapolis; and a great-grandson.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at First United Church of Christ, Bremen, with the Rev. Susan Sickelka officiating. Burial will be at Bremen Cemetery with military graveside services.

Calling is 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen.

Memorials are to Marshall County Hospice, the church or the hospital.

Jonathan Yoder

MIDDLEBURY — Jonathan A. Yoder, 75, died at 1:15 p.m. Thursday, May 10, 2001, at home after an extended illness.

He grew up in northeast Indiana, lived in Kalona, Iowa, for 14 years, then returned to northeast Indiana, living the rest of his life here. He worked at Coachman for over 20 years and later helped with serving meals in their home to the public. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Aug. 28, 1925, in LaGrange to Abraham and Anna (Hershberger) Yoder. On Dec. 18, 1947, in Kalona, he married Clara C. Miller, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Roseanna and Eugene Chupp of Middlebury and Mary Fern and Stephen Schwartz of LaGrange; four sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Rosemary Yoder of Wolcottville, Daniel and Sue Yoder of Topeka, Jonnie and Betty Yoder of Mountain Grove, Mo., and Raymond and Marlene Yoder of Millersburg; a sister, Barbara Schlabach of Middlebury; a brother, Noah Yoder of Kalona; 36 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John A. Yoder; two sisters, Katie Ann Kemp and Mary Miller; two stepbrothers, Henry and David Kauffman; a granddaughter; and a great-granddaughter.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at the Clarence Wingard residence with Bishop Ernest W. Yoder officiating. Burial will be at Naylor Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling is after 1 p.m. Friday and all day Saturday at the family residence, 56987 C.R. 116, Middlebury.

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Larry Evans

GARRETT — Larry Evans, 47, died Tuesday, May 8, 2001, at 12:30 p.m. in his home in Mishawaka.

Mr. Evans was a plumber and formerly owned Evans Heating and Plumbing in Garrett. He also formerly worked for Tarlton Plumbing and Heating and Gibson Plumbing and Heating. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

He had lived in Mishawaka one year and worked at Church Heating and Plumbing in Elkhart.

He was born July 27, 1953, in Garrett. His parents, John W. Evans and Martha L. (Jordan) Miller, preceded him in death.

Surviving him are a daughter, Jodie Evans of Rantoul, Ill.; a son, Dwight Evans of Sacramento, Calif.; his fiancee, Patricia A. Hall of South Bend; five brothers, Rodney of Avon, Ohio, Jon of Warsaw, Reginald of Kendallville, Paul of Sacramento, and Art of Garrett; two sisters, Penny Wolf of Avon and Patsy Torres of Reno, Nev.; a stepsister, Wilma Gahimer of Garrett; and two grandchildren, Myckenzie and Madyson Franklin of Rantoul.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after 11 a.m. Pastor Jerel Book will officiate.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with military services by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Memorials are to the family.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Ruth E. Shields** were 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 8, 2001, at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

The Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiated.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Pallbearers were Audrey and Jerry Shields, Terry and William McKee, Byron Bovee and Norm Strayer.

KENDALLVILLE — Memorial services for **Ford E. Deihl** were 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, 2001, at Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville.

The Rev. Drs. David Hogsett and Dan Barker officiated.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Arrangements were by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **James A. Clendenon** were 10 a.m. Monday, May 7, 2001, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Pallbearers were Robert Franks, Ken Frenger, Greg Armstrong, Rick Ross, Tom Rasler and Larry Holbrook.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Merle M. Kibbey** were noon Tuesday, May 8, 2001, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. David Stout officiating.

Burial was at Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Pallbearers were Cris, Andrew and the Rev. David Stout, Ron Hite and Brian DeCamp.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Garnet B. Mapes** were 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 9, 2001, at Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker and the Rev. Jim Mapes officiating.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Pallbearers were Bill Hirst, Rick Young, Mark Burden, Tyler Hall, Dean Hatton and Ron Faulk.

Arrangements were by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Iylene Swift

FREMONT — Iylene C. Swift, 86, of Fremont, died Wednesday, May 9, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Swift was a homemaker and cook at the former Hitching Post restaurant in Fremont.

She was born March 8, 1915, in Albion to Ray and Viola (Weber) Tritch.

On Nov. 30, 1935, she married Russell Swift in Angola. He died Oct. 28, 1979.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Amielou and Robert Schaeffer of Fort Wayne and Anne and Robert Mounts of Fremont; two sisters, Dorothy Favorite of Leesburg, Fla., and Helen Harris of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A sister and two brothers also preceded her in death.

The Rev. Greg Byman will officiate at private graveside services. There will be no calling. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Fremont Public Library Fund, P.O. Box 7, Fremont. Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

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Carl Cook

HAMILTON — Carl C. Cook, 84, of Hamilton Lake, died at 10:53 p.m. on Friday, May 11, 2001, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cook was a former resident of Hicksville, Ohio, where he graduated from Hicksville High School in 1936. He was a World War II veteran who served in the U.S. Army and the Air Corps and was a German prisoner of war. He was a member of the Hicksville Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion.

He worked as a rural mail carrier for the U.S. Post Office in Hicksville and retired in 1973.

For several years, he spent winters at Palmetto, Fla.

Mr. Cook was born Dec. 27, 1916, in Hicksville to Robert "Doc" and Agusta (Cole) Cook.

On Oct. 10, 1946, he married Dorothy (Roberts) Cook in Covington, Ky. She died Aug. 17, 1979. He married Esther Ankey, who also preceded him in death.

Surviving are three sons, Douglas Cook of Cecil, Ohio, David Cook of Butler, and Dennis Cook of Sequim, Wash.; three sisters, Maude Straley of Hicksville, Ohio, Betty Snyder of Harlan, and Alice White of Franklin Lake, N.J.; and two brothers, Gerald Cook and Robert Cook, both of Hicksville.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, George Cook.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) at Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville. Todd Cook will officiate.

Calling is after 1 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday (Indiana times).

Memorials are to the Nurses Scholarship Fund at Parkview Hospital.

Benson Everett

PLEASANT LAKE — Benson Everett, 82, died Saturday, May 12, 2001, at Carlin Park Health Care Center in Angola.

Mr. Everett was born May 27, 1918.

He married Allene (McFadden) Everett. She died Feb. 4, 1999.

Surviving are two daughters and one son, Phyllis Horn, Connie Reas, and Carl Edward Everett.

Services are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, which is in charge of arrangements.

Glenn Weber

ALBION — Glenn R. Weber, 81, died Friday, May 11, 2001, at 12:03 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Weber was a lifetime resident of Albion. He was World War II Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post 246 in Albion. He retired from the Kroger grocery store and also had worked in construction.

He was born in Albion on Dec. 24, 1919, to Victor and Alta (Beard) Weber.

He married Lucille (Sieber) Weber on Oct. 24, 1942, in Wolf Lake Baptist Church. She died March 1, 1978.

Surviving are one daughter, Cathy Kirkpatrick of Albion; three sons, Steve, David and Kevin Weber, all of Albion; four sisters, Thelma Ott, Ruth Norris, Nelda Owen and Floeila Baker, all of Albion; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Floyd and Vaughn Weber; two sisters, Helen Walker and Wanda Jackson; and one son-in-law, John "Butch" Kirkpatrick.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Brazzell Funeral Home, 209 E. Main St., Albion, with Tom Ebbing officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery at Albion. American Legion Post 246 will perform graveside military services.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Ada Wagner

KENDALLVILLE — Ada Margaret Wagner, 92, died Saturday, May 12, 2001, at 6:35 a.m. in Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Home in Kendallville, after an extended illness.

Mrs. Wagner was a secretary and worked at Puritan Ice Cream, Kraft Inc. and Kendallville Foundry. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. She had lived in Kendallville since 1929.

She was born Feb. 1, 1909, in Fort Wayne to Henry and Lena (Papp) Koenig.

She married Maurice G. Wagner in Kendallville on Aug. 1, 1929. He died Dec. 31, 1975.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Carol Wagner of Huntertown; two grandchildren, Wendy Wagner of Kouts and Robert Wagner of LaOtto; and three great-grandchildren, Landon, Austin and Benjamin Wagner.

One sister, Georgie Koenig, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. John Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling is Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Home or St. John Lutheran Church.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

HE NEWS-SUN TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2001

Eli Schlabach

SHIPSHEWANA — Eli J. Schlabach, 82, died at 2:51 p.m. Monday, May 14, 2001, at the home of his daughter, Ida Marchand.

He moved to northeast Indiana as a child. He worked for 13 1/2 years for Starcraft, retiring in 1976.

He was born Sept. 29, 1918, in Holmes County, Ohio, to Jacob S. and Martha (Hershberger) Schlabach. On May 26, 1940, he married Laura E. Bontrager, who preceded him in death May 1, 1995.

Schlabach

Also preceding him in death were a son, Ernest Schlabach in 1964; a sister, Elizabeth Bowers; a brother, Jonas Schlabach; two half brothers, Alvin and Walter Schlabach; two stepsisters, Anna and Violet Miller; and a stepbrother, Olen Miller.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Ida and George Marchand and Elsie Harshberger, all of Goshen, Edna and Joe Ringler of Shipshewana and Thelma and Russell Wallace of Detroit, Texas; four sons, William, Dwayne and Gerald Schlabach, all of Goshen, and Gary Schlabach of Syracuse; 15 grandchildren; 19 great-granchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are a sister, Sylvia Yoder of Millersburg; two half sisters and their husbands, Mary Ellen and John Gingerich of Milford and Katie and Enos Kuntz of Topeka; another half sister, Martha Schlabach of Topeka; two half brothers, Clarence Schlabach of Wisconsin and Melvin Schlabach of LaGrange; three stepsisters and their husbands, Lydia and Dan Fry, Lovina and William Yoder and Ida Mae and Joe Bontrager, all of LaGrange; and two stepbrothers, Joe Helmuth of Goshen and John Helmuth of Topeka.

Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at First Mennonite Church, Middlebury, with the Rev. Ron Kennel of Clinton Brick Mennonite church officiating. Burial will be at Forest Grove Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home. 201 S. Main St., Middlebury.

Memorials are to the LaGrange or Elkhart county Cancer Societies.

Howard Pepple

FORT WAYNE — Howard L. Pepple, 75, died Sunday, May 13, 2001, at home.

The LaOtto native retired as a custodial engineer from Nebraska School in 1991. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy in World War II and a past commander of American Legion Post 82.

Surviving are three sons, Steven Pepple and James Arter, both of Fort Wayne, and Michael Arter of Julian, Calif.; four daughters, Melodie Bonar and Penny Baumgartner, both of Fort Wayne, Margo Scott of Wheeling, W.Va., and Amy Sparklin of Largo, Fla.; 18 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Vera Pepple, in 1993; a son, David Pepple; and two daughters, Robin Pepple and Bobbi Kelly.

Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is 4-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice Inc.

Louise Carson

FORT WAYNE — Louise G. "Penny" Carson, 79, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Churubusco, died Monday, May 14, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She had been in declining health for the past two years and hospitalized since Friday after suffering a fall at her residence.

Mrs. Carson

Mrs. Carson was born in the Bronx, New York, on Aug. 25, 1921, to Emile V. and Gertrude (Burke) Giannini. She grew up on Long Island and graduated from the Wilford Academy of Beauty in Brooklyn in 1938.

After moving to Fort Wayne in 1948, she worked as a beautician in the salon at the former Wolf and Dessaur's Department Store. She moved to Churubusco in 1957 and owned and operated the Penny Carson Beauty Salon in Churubusco for 15 years, until moving to Fort Wayne in 1975. She retired in 1986 from the beauty salon at J.C. Penney in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of the Hairdresser's Association of Indiana and worked as a volunteer at the Parkview Hospital Gift Shop for several years.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pennie and John Schieferstein of Angola; a son and daughter-in-law, Fredrick M. and Trish Carson of Indianapolis; a stepson and his wife, John D. Jr. and Linda Carson of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Vernon Paul Rose, on Nov. 7, 1972, and three brothers and two sisters.

Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Parkview Regional Oncology Center, Fort Wayne.

Roselyn Pensinger

WOLF LAKE — Roselyn M. Pensinger, 61, died at 5:45 p.m. Monday, May 14, 2001, at Hickory Creek Nursing Center, Columbia City.

She was a resident of Nobel Township, Noble County. Her formative years were spent in the Waynedale community. She was educated at Concordia High School and was an Elmhurst High School graduate. She and her husband made their first home in Fort Wayne, then moved to the Wolf Lake community. They had lived at the same address since 1963. She was employed by Dekko Corp. for 15 years and was presently employed by Millennium Industries, Ligonier. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbia City.

She was born Dec. 2, 1939, in Fort Wayne to William and Loretta Marcella (Swanger) Strauss. On July 18, 1958, she married Billy W. Pensinger, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeffery Karl and Jodie Pensinger of Larwill and Kenneth Lee and Janet Pensinger of Fishers; a daughter, Laura Jean Gill of Columbia City; three brothers, Donald H. Strauss of Cromwell, William C. Strauss of Florida and Robert R. Strauss of Leo; three sisters, Maxine Miller of Florida, Jean Boyle of Cromwell and Nancy J. Meyer of Syracuse; and six grandchildren, Bryan and Heather Gill and Amanda, Austin, Andrew and Thomas Pensinger.

A brother, Thomas Strauss, and a son, Jack Wayne Pensinger, preceded her in death.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Zion Lutheran Church with the Rev. James Haugen officiating. Burial will be at Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and at the church Friday an hour before services.

Memorials are to the church.

Wandis Gaston

KENDALLVILLE — Wandis J. Gaston, 92, of Kendallville, died at 10:25 p.m. Thursday, May 15, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She had been in failing health for one and half months.

On Sept. 10, 1908, in Hicksville, Ohio, she was born to Reverus and Ida (Walterhouse) Glassmire. On Feb. 25, 1925, she married Herbert Whitford. He preceded her in death on March 17, 1947. She married Walter Gaston on Jan. 18, 1948. He preceded her in death on May 2, 1997.

She was a housewife and a member of the DeKalb County CB Club.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Edith and Chester Craft of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Virgil and Mabel Whitford of Kendallville, and David and Kay Gaston of Waterloo; eight grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

A son, David Whitford, and a sister, Leota Weaver, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Jim Kane of the Church of God officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Brimfield.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Salem United Baptist Church, Rome City.

Services Held

ALBION — Funeral services for **Betty J. Ohlwine** were 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 15, 2001, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Gerald Ringenmerg officiating.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Pallbearers were Michael Dickey, Gregory Guthrie Jr., Alex Guthrie, Rick Rollins and Seth and Sean Kilburn.

Honorary pallbearers were Steve and Shawn Kilburn, Danny Ard, Justin Handshoe, Bill Messer and Michael Lambert.

THE NEWS-SUN THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2001

M. Marlene Cornell

AUBURN — M. Marlene Cornell, 69, died Tuesday, May 15, 2001, at 2:50 p.m. in a highway accident outside her home on County Road 427.

Mrs. Cornell was a secretary at Dana Corp. in Auburn for 23 years, retiring in 1993. She was a member of Meese Chapel United Methodist Church in rural Auburn, United Methodist Women, Hopewell United Brethren Mission Belles, Jacksonettes Extension Homemakers Club, Gideon Auxiliary and the DeKalb County Council on Pregnancy.

She was born Dec. 31, 1931, in Ann Arbor, Mich., to John and Margaret (Lake) Cook.

She married Dean E. Cornell on June 2, 1951, in Coburn Corners, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Susan Cornell of Friendswood, Texas, and David and Deb Cornell of Auburn; three daughters and sons-in-law, Deanna and Ken Smith of Santa Monica, Calif., Katy and Gary Fluitt of Golden, Colo., and Betty and John Grawcock of Ligonier; three sisters, Joan Beers of Huntington Beach, Calif., Donna Bradberry of Moscow, Idaho, and Carol Stanley of Blairsville, Ga.; and 10 grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Hopewell United Brethren Church, 6852 County Road 35, Auburn. The Rev. Eugene Woolever and the Rev. John Erwin will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Hopewell United Brethren Church fellowship hall.

Memorials are to the Gideon Society or DeKalb County Council on Pregnancy.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, is in charge of arrangements.

Russell Bachman Jr.

LAGRANGE — Russell R. Bachman Jr., 90, died at 4:20 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor.

Mr. Bachman moved to the Wolcottville area in 1934. He worked at Wolf Grain Co., Shipshewana, and Gordon Baking Co., LaGrange. He was a member of Meridian Sun Lodge 76 of the F & AM, LaGrange.

He was born May 29, 1910, in the Bronx, N.Y., to Russell R. Bachman Sr. and Opal (Lambright) Bachman. On April 1, 1934, in Wolcottville he married D. Lucille Zeis, who preceded him in death Sept. 23, 1992.

A sister, Kathryn Treesh, and a brother, Robert L. Bachman, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and F. James Miller of LaGrange and Deanna and Glen Holcomb of Brandon, Fla.; two sons, Everett Bachman of LaGrange and Raymond Bachman of Howe; 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home with the Rev. Dexter Garman officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 3-6 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Masonic services are 5:30 p.m. Saturday there.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church, LaGrange.

Bertha Noll

STROH — Bertha L. Noll, 96, died at 10:40 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, 2001, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

The Turkey Lake resident lived all her life in the Stroh area. She retired as a school teacher after 22 years, having taught in LaGrange and Steuben counties. She was a member of Stroh Church of Christ and a 50-year member of Sylvan Chapter 251 of the OES of LaGrange.

She was born Jan. 14, 1905, in LaGrange County to Minor S. and Ella Mae (Ringler) Perkins. On July 11, 1932, in Steuben County she married L. Dale Noll, who preceded her in death July 31, 1981.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Floyd A. Perkins, on Aug. 30, 1987.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Joan and C. Lynn Tracey of Wolcottville; a son and daughter-in-law, Carroll D. and Barbara Noll of Wolcottville; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Revs. Robert Kirtlan and Michael Hamm officiating. Burial will be at Lake Bethel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church and the Shepherd of the Hill memorial fund.

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Wilma Sorg

FORT WAYNE — Wilma L. Sorg, 83, died Tuesday, May 15, 2001, at home.

The Noble County native was a homemaker.

Surviving are a son, James, of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Raymond Sorg, in 1992, and a daughter, Sister Antoinette Sorg, in 1997.

Mass of Christian Burial is noon Friday at St. Jude Catholic Church, East State Boulevard at Randalia Drive, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Allen County.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, and at the church Friday an hour before services. A vigil is 4:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice Inc. or church Masses.

Doris Hobson

AVILLA — Doris Kathryn Hobson, 82, died Wednesday, May 16, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

She was retired from GTE. She had lived in Fort Wayne and at Eagle Island, Waldron Lake.

She was born March 23, 1919, in Fort Wayne to Otis Everett Bennett and Almeda A. (Snyder) Bennett. On June 14, 1941, at West Creighton Christian Church, Fort Wayne, she married Richard Keith Hobson, who preceded her in death July 30, 1978.

Surviving are a son, Richard G. Hobson of Avilla; a brother, Paul Bennett of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Martha Cox of Avilla and Margery Ponessa of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services are 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Susanne Eberly

AUBURN — Susanne K. Eberly, 55, died Wednesday, May 16, 2001, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Eberly was a real estate agent for Coldwell Banker Roth Wehrly for three years. She lived in Auburn and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, the Order of Eastern Star in Waterloo, and the American Cancer Society.

She was born May 25, 1945, in Auburn to Guy R. and Leone (Carper) Christlieb. Her mother survives in Waterloo and her father is deceased.

She married Michael L. Eberly on June 1, 1963, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Timothy M. Eberly of LaGrange; one daughter, Melissa K. Ketzenberger of Auburn; one sister, Mary Lou Payton of Waterloo; and two grandchildren, August and Greyson Ketzenberger.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after noon. The Rev. William Kaster will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society or DeKalb County Hospice.

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Marie Martin

HARLAN — Marie K. Martin, 79, Harlan, died at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

On Oct. 26, 1921, in Allen County, she was born to Alfred and Bertha (Ringenberg) Garmater. She married Maurice Martin in Leo on March 4, 1944. He survives.

She graduated from Harlan High School in 1939, and worked at Fountain Manor Care Center in Hicksville, Ohio, for many years.

Mrs. Martin was a past member of the Hicksville Eagles Auxiliary, serving as past president and past secretary, a member of the P.T.A. at Woodlan Schools, Woodburn, Woodland Music Boosters, and served as a volunteer at the Fountain Manor Care Center in Hicksville.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are two sons, Mike Martin, Woodburn, and Ron Martin, Kendallville; a daughter, Chris Rutter, Butler; a brother, Robert Garmater, Harlan; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Her parents, a sister, Ruth Garmater, and a grandchild preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Indiana time Saturday at Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with the Rev. Gordon Smith, pastor of Grace Fellowship Church, Woodburn, officiating. Burial will be in the Scipio Cemetery, Harlan.

Calling is 1 p.m. Indiana time today and after 8 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Crisis Pregnancy Center, Woodburn, or the Lutheran School in Woodburn.

Carolyn Randall

ASHLEY — Carolyn J. Randall, 67, died Wednesday, May 16, 2001, at 1:30 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Randall lived in Ashley and worked at Scott's Food Store in Auburn for five years.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1952. She was a member of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Waterloo, and its Rosary Society.

She was born April 3, 1934, in Kendallville to Howard and Christine (Zircher) Lash.

She married Ralph E. Randall on Aug. 16, 1952, in Wichita Falls, Texas, and he survives.

Also surviving her are two daughters, Theresa Ford of Sandusky, Ohio, and Linda Campbell of Angola; one son, Mark Randall of LaGrange; two brothers, Ervin J. Lash of Graceville, Fla., and Bernard Lash of Auburn; and five grandchildren, Christopher and Tanya Campbell, William Ford, and Meegan and Daniel Randall.

A daughter, Christine Randall, preceded her in death in 1984.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 4-8 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson. A rosary service will begin at 8 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to masses at the church or the Kidney Foundation.

Wade Dodge

PLEASANT LAKE — Wade H. Dodge, 91, died today, May 18, 2001, at 6:22 a.m. in Angola.

Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Ada M. Wagner** were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 15, 2001, at St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville. The Rev. Paul Griebel officiated.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Pallbearers were Dan Taylor, Doug Taylor, Landon Wagner, Austin Wagner, Ben Wagner and Bob Wagner.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, was in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS-SUN SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2001

Bruce Flint

CORUNNA — Bruce J. Flint, 53, of Corunna, died at 10:08 a.m. Friday, May 18, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Flint

Mr. Flint had lived in Corunna for four years after moving from Kendallville. A retired truck driver, he was a member of the Gospel Lighthouse in Kendallville. He was a veteran of the Marine Corps and served during the Vietnam War.

He was born Nov. 17, 1947, in Kendallville to Claude L. and Joy L. (Walter) Flint.

On July 22, 1991, he married Laurie Gannon, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Asa Flint of Fort Wayne, and David and Mandy Flint of Corunna; a daughter and son-in-law, Starr and Mart Lechleidner of Ashley; and four grandchildren, Harley J. Flint, Haylee Flint, Brandi Lechleidner and Dylan Lechleidner.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Michael A. Flint on May 4, 1978.

Services will be held Monday at 1:30 p.m. at the Gospel Lighthouse with the Rev. Carter Hick and the Rev. Zaundra Hicks officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling is Sunday after 4 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the family. Arrangements are being made by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Charles Hockenberry

READING, Mich. — Charles W. Hockenberry, 59, died Friday, May 18, 2001 at Community Health Center of Branch County, Coldwater, Mich.

He was born March 24, 1942.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Wade Dodge

PLEASANT LAKE — Wade H. Dodge, 91, died at 6:22 a.m. Friday, May 18, 2001, in Angola.

The rural Pleasant Lake resident was a lifetime Steuben County resident and a retired farmer. He was a member of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church and Garrett Masonic Lodge.

He was born at Pleasant Lake Feb. 23, 1910, to Benson and Cora (Hendrickson) Dodge. On June 10, 1924, he married Lois Hughes, who preceded him in death June 6, 1959. On April 10, 1961, he married Mary Arlene McLain, who preceded him in death April 15, 1994.

Also preceding him in death were a daughter, Sally Meredith, in 1977; a brother, Howard Dodge; and four sisters, Sarah Helmuth, Violet Saule, Josephine Crawley and Ruby Brown.

Surviving are a son, Fred Dodge of rural Pleasant Lake; a daughter, Sharon Johnson of rural Hudson; three grandchildren, Jack and Janean Wolfe and Ranee Martin; and seven great-grandchildren, Matt and Kayla Wolfe, Jennifer Shirk, Robbie and Shawn Brem, Alicia Myers and Dakota McRoberts.

Services are 1 p.m. Tuesday at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church with pastors Glenda Woodcox and Susan Beckett officiating. Burial will be private.

Eleonora Newhouse

OSSIAN — Eleonora B. Newhouse, 76, died Thursday, May 17, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital.

She retired as a registered nurse at Caylor Nickel in 1990.

She was born Feb. 27, 1925, in Fort Wayne to Herman and Clara (Moeller) Rebber.

Surviving are three daughters, Sue Herrick of Kendallville, Pamela Neu of Wolcottville and Sandra Todd of Wisconsin; two sons, Steven Newhouse of Indianapolis and Doug Newhouse of Ossian; two sisters, Adeline Schwartz of Uniondale and Lelah Spencer of California; two brothers, Donald Rebber of Roert Wayne and Herman Rebber of Ohio; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, C. Fredrick Newhouse, March 11, 1998; three sisters, Dorothy Buuck, Wilma Hiener and Lyonora Schuemann; a brother, Robert Rebber; and a granddaughter, Jean Herrick.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at New Hope Lutheran Church, Ossian, with the Rev. Paul Doehrmann officiating. Burial will be at Oaklawn Cemetery, Ossian.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home Ossian Chapel and an hour before services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

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Beatrice Ehmke

FORT WAYNE — Beatrice M. Ehmke, 84, died Tuesday, May 15, 2001, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

The Hoagland native was an inspector with Pines of America and a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church.

Surviving are a son, Dennis Ehmke of LaOtto; two daughters, Sharon Schlund of Fort Wayne and Beverly Miller of LaOtto; a brother, Gerald Minnick of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Norbert Ehmke, in 1971, and a son, Gary Ehmke, in 2000.

Prayers are 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Mass of Christian Burial is 10 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 2120 S. Harrison St. Burial will be at Ege Cemetery, Noble County.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, with vigil services there at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Donna Jacobs

HAMILTON — Donna Mae Jacobs, 68, died Thursday, May 17, 2001, in the evening at Heritage Park Nursing Home in Fort Wayne, where she had been a resident.

Mrs. Jacobs was born April 12, 1933, in Hamilton to Glenn O. and Fern B. (Stout) Duncan.

She married Melvin D. Jacobs, who preceded her in death in 1981.

Surviving her are a daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Ron Wilkins of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Robert Duncan of Hamilton and Richard Duncan of Dover, Fla.; two sisters, Ellen Duncan of Waterloo and Julia Duncan of Hamilton; and three grandchildren, Jamie Wilkins, Victoria Wilkins and Christopher Wilkins, all of Fort Wayne.

A sister, Phyllis Hanes, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton, with calling after 11:30 a.m. The Rev. David Leitzel will officiate. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorials are to Steuben County Waste Watchers.

Jessie Platter

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Jessie E. Platter, 93, died Thursday, May 17, 2001, at West Mesa Health and Rehabilitation in Albuquerque, N.M.

Mrs. Platter was a housewife and a former Auburn resident. She was born Sept. 29, 1907, in DeKalb County.

She married Russell V. Platter on July 20, 1936, in Wauseon, Ohio. He died March 4, 1987.

Surviving are a daughter, Carma J. Myers of Jay, Okla.; a brother, Harvey W. Rennecker of Auburn; three grandsons, Allen J. Arrants of Fort Wayne, Lynn A. Arrants of Florida and Greg L. Arrants of Albuquerque; and several nieces and nephews.

A brother, Herman Rennecker, and two sisters, Joyce Hutton and Gladys Hutton, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be conducted Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn. The Rev. Sid Short will officiate.

Calling is Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Charles Hockenberry

READING, Mich. — Charles Wayne Hockenberry, 59, of Reading died Friday, May 18, 2001, in Coldwater, Mich.

Mr. Hockenberry was plant supervisor at CF Gomma USA Inc. in Columbia City for 29 years. He was a member of Eagles Lodge No. 1906 in Columbia City.

He was born March 24, 1942, in Scott, Ohio, to Leslie P. and Alta (Adams) Hockenberry. His mother survives in Pleasant Lake. His father preceded him in death in 1962.

He married Susan Easterday on Nov. 15, 1962, in Coldwater, and she survives.

Also surviving are five daughters, Laurie Hoag and Hiedi Hockenberry, both of Quincy, Mich., Pam Hockenberry of Montgomery, Mich., Holly Maynard of Reading, and Sherry Hockenberry of Kalamazoo, Mich.; one sister, Connie Kaufman of Pleasant Lake; one brother, Cloyd Hockenberry of Scott; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

His father preceded him in death in 1962.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with Pastor Carlton "Bud" Freed officiating. Burial will be in Lester Cemetery in Branch County, Mich.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials to the American Diabetes Association.

Rev. Loyal Ringenberg

GRABILL — The Rev. Loyal Robert Ringenberg, 97, of Grabill, died Thursday, May 17, 2001, in St. Joseph Hospital.

Rev. Ringenberg was the founding minister of the Auburn Missionary Church, and served as professor of Bible and church history at Fort Wayne Bible College for 14 years. He had attended Winona Lake School of Theology, was a missionary/educator to Taiwan, and a professor of Bible and philosophy and academic dean at Christ's College near Taipei.

He was editor of Higley Press for nine years and wrote the Bible survey textbook, "The Word of God in History." He was a member of Grabill Missionary Church.

Surviving are a son, William Ringenberg of Upland; two daughters, Dorcas Stuckey of Grabill and Lenore Chernenko of Indianapolis; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rhoda; five brothers and two sisters.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Grabill Missionary Church, 13637 State St., Grabill. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery, Leo-Cedarville.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, and one hour before services in the church.

Memorials are to Taylor University or the church.

Margaret Eloph

FORT WAYNE — Margaret Kathryn Eloph, 83, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, May 17, 2001, at Parkview Hospital.

A Portland native, Mrs. Eloph worked at Fort Wayne Community Schools and was a member of First Wayne Street United Methodist Church. She also belonged to Star Circle Ladies Group.

Surviving are two daughters, Kathryn Geiseking and Karen Wade, both of Fort Wayne; one son, Harris D. Eloph Jr. of Oak Harbor, Wash.; two sisters, Mary Lee of Fort Wayne and Anna Harding of Lake Wales, Fla.; two brothers, Ervin Thompson of Fort Wayne and Richard Thompson of Auburn; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harris D. Eloph Sr., and a brother.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in First Wayne Street United Methodist Church, 300 E. Wayne St. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in D. O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., and one hour before services in the church.

Memorials are to the church.

James Howley

FORT WAYNE — James B. Howley, 64, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, May 17, 2001, in Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Howley retired from Navistar/International Harvester Co. in 1991 after 31 years.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia V. Howley; one son, Mark P. Howley of Butler; three daughters, Deborah A. Alcantara, Karen L. Swisher and Cindy S. Bowers, all of Fort Wayne; one brother, Ralph Howley of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and 14 grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in D. O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials to the SPCA.

News Sun May 20, 2001

Frank Soule

FORT WAYNE — Frank R. Soule, 81, died Thursday, May 17, 2001, in the Arbors at Fort Wayne.

A carrier with the U.S. Postal Service, Mr. Soule retired in 1976 after 33 years of service. He was a member of Forest Park United Methodist Church, American Legion Post 82, VFW and Disabled American Veterans, and was a World War II Army veteran.

Surviving with his wife, Marcile F. Soule, are one son, Fred F. Soule of Fort Wayne; one stepson, Steven Carney of Columbus, Ohio; one daughter, Sara S. Weber of Fort Wayne; one sister, Delores Kock of Garrett; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Forest Park United Methodist Church, 2100 Kentucky Ave. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, with a graveside military service.

Calling is today from 1-5 p.m. in the funeral home and one hour before services in the church.

Memorials to the church.

Robert Rothrock

HUNTINGTON — Robert Vorhees Rothrock, 85, died at 11:40 a.m. Sunday, May 20, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor, Huntington.

He was a 1933 graduate of Rome City High School. He came to Huntington from Milford, having lived in Kendallville before that. He worked at Kraft Foods for 30 years, retiring in 1972. While in Kendallville he was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist.

Mr. Rothrock

He was born April 23, 1916, in Lafayette to Robert Vorhees Rothrock Sr. and Gertrude Josephine (Dienhart) Rothrock. On April 7, 1939, in Albion, he married Alene Marie Owen, who preceded him in death Feb. 26, 1986.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jane Kay and V. Richard Miller of Syracuse; two grandchildren, V. Richard Miller II of Plymouth and Pamela Sue Dilley of Warsaw; and seven great-grandchildren, Ricky, Robbie and Janna Miller and Deanna, Kyle, Karli and Jarred Dilley.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. Wednesday and 10-11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are donor's choice.

A. Peter Sefcsik

SHIPSHEWANA — A. Peter Sefcsik, 63, died at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19, 2001, at home after an illness.

He moved to the United States in 1988, living in Shipshewana since arriving in this country. He worked as a coppersmith for over 40 years. He was a member of the Shipshewana Merchants Association and was the grand marshal for Shipshewana Mayfest 2001.

He was born July 29, 1937, in Cegled, Hungary, to Alajos and Erzsebet (Kapala) Sefcsik. On May 21, 1963, in the Netherlands, he married Maria Van Duuren, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Aranka and Fred Vermeulen of the Netherlands; two sons, Akos Sefcsik of Middlebury and Ferenc Sefcsik of Mesa, Ariz.; a brother, Endre Sefcsik of Hungary; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Laszlo Sefcsik.

Public memorial services are 4 p.m. Friday at Shore Mennonite Church, Shipshewana, with the Rev. Robert Andrews officiating.

Arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Gilbert Baumle

LEESBURG — Gilbert E. Baumle, 86, died Saturday, May 19, 2001, at home.

The Kendallville native was a civil engineer for the Indiana Highway Department for 43 years, retiring in 1983. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy Baumle; two daughters, Mary Workman of Bourbon and Martha Saull of Warsaw; four grandchildren; and two stepgrandchildren.

Services are 1 p.m. Wednesday at Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw. Private graveside services will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6006, Indianapolis, IN 46206-6006, or to Kosciusko Home Care & Hospice, P.O. Box 1196, Warsaw, IN, 46581-1196.

Linda Gipple

AUBURN — Linda L. Gipple, 53, died today, May 21, 2001, at 12:18 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Services Held

AVILLA — Services for **Doris K. Hobson** were 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19, 2001, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

Burial was at Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Pallbearers were John, Rich and Kenneth Hobson, Byan Walter, Rob Kinniburgh and Daniel Bennett.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Wandis Gaston** were at 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 18, 2001, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Jim Kane officiating.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery, Brimfield.

Pallbearers were Steve Whitford, Ron Fox, Fred Stenner, Pat Arnold, Jerry Lash and Frank Hostetler.

THE NEWS-SUN TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2001

Ruth Evard

COLUMBIA CITY — Ruth A. Evard, 62, died at 8:02 p.m. Sunday, May 20, 2001, in the emergency room of Whitley Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Evard

She attended kindergarten in Columbia City. Her family then moved to Green Township, Noble County, and she attended Green Center School. She was a 1957 graduate of Albion High School. She worked at Chamberlain Products, South Whitley, for a year before moving to Turlock, Calif., to live with her grandparents. She worked at a canning factory in California.

In 1960 she returned to Indiana and worked at the Viking Co. and Precision Plastics, both in Columbia City. In 1966 she started working at General Electric, Fort Wayne. After marriage she and her husband lived in Green Township for three years. In 1972 they moved to a home on Bear Lake. Since 1992 they lived in Columbia City. She was a member of First Church of God, Columbia City, the Wolf Lake Ladies fire Auxiliary, V.F.W. 4717 Auxiliary and the Elex Club.

She was born May 2, 1939, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, to Harry and Lurabelle (Marrs) Hollopeter. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother, now Lurabelle Kourt, survives with Mrs. Evard's stepfather, Howard Kourt, in South Whitley.

On Nov. 15, 1968, she married Neal E. Evard, who also survives.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Paul Eugene Evard of Wolf Lake, Anthony Wayne and Tanya Evard of Albion and Scott Allen Evard of Columbia City; a daughter, Theresa Marie Evard of Columbia City; three grandsons, Casey, Justin and Chris Evard; and a brother, Steve L. Hollopeter of Fort Wayne.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. George Reser of First Church of God officiating. Burial will be at Nolt Cemetery, Columbia Township.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble Township Fire Department, Wolf Lake.

Vera Bodenhafer

KENDALLVILLE — Vera Marie Foor Bodenhafer, 85, died at 2:05 p.m. Monday, May 21, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She had been ill since May 12.

Mrs. Bodenhafer

She was a lifetime resident of the Kendallville area and a piano teacher for over 50 years. She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church, Kendallville.

She was born March 31, 1916, in Kendallville to William A. and Zella Mae (Hunt) Kurtz. On Sept. 6, 1936, in Brimfield, she married Lewis H. Foor, who preceded her in death July 19, 1994. On Oct. 12, 1996, in Kendallville, she married Rex R. Bodenhafer, who preceded her in death Nov. 4, 1998.

Also preceding her in death was a daughter, Ann Marie Schurr, on May 23, 1995.

Surviving are a son, William B. Foor; a sister, Josephine Herendeen of Kendallville; a brother, Theron Leroy Kurtz of Fort Wayne; five stepchildren; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services are 4 p.m. Thursday at Faith United Methodist Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. James Toole of that church officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, and 3-4 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Lewis Walter

CAPE CORAL, Fla. — Memorial services for Lewis Harold Walter are scheduled for Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, at County Road 40 and C.R. 59, southwest of Butler.

Mr. Walter died Dec. 31, 2000, in Cape Coral, Fla.

The Rev. Bill Farmer will officiate at the service. A lunch and fellowship time will follow in the church basement.

Mr. Walter formerly lived in Auburn, St. Joe, Butler and Warsaw. He was a printer by trade and was employed by the St. Joe News, Higley Press and the Free Methodist Publishing House. He worked with youth and area Christian organizations in DeKalb County in the 1950s and 1960s.

Floyd Amsler

KENDALLVILLE — Floyd Amsler, 48, died March 27, 2001.

He had lived in Kendallville for the last two years, moving to the city from Rome City. He was employed at Epic Industries, Kendallville. He was a veteran of the U.S. armed services.

He was born Feb. 21, 1953, in Marshall, Mich., to Caddie and Doreen (Olds) Amsler.

Surviving are two children, Cammidossia and Caddassia Amsler; a brother, Allie Amsler of South Carolina; and a stepmother, Hazel Amsler of Michigan.

Burial was at Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, Mich.

THE NEWS-SUN WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2001

Lowell Weber

AVILLA — Lowell D. Weber, 83, of Avilla, died at 9:16 p.m. Monday, May 21, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

On April 6, 1918, in Foraker, Ind., he was born to Ralph C. and Ruth Gladys (Emmert) Weber. He married Loretta E. Housholder at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, on Nov. 29, 1947. She survives.

Mr. Weber

He had lived in Avilla since 1947, moving from a farm north of Wolcottville. He worked at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne for 35 years until his retirement in 1983.

Mr. Weber was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, and a member of Avilla American Legion Post 240 and Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Kathy Weber of Spring Valley, Ill.; three daughters and sons-in-law, Ruth Ann and Julian Kmiec of Elkhart, Cheryl and Donald Oss of Everett, Wash., and Jill and Phil Sensibaugh of Albion; a brother, John E. Weber of Elkhart; a sister, Emma Searer of Elkhart; a grandchild, Tara Sensibaugh; four stepgrandchildren; and a stepgreat-grandchild.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Avilla.

Military graveside services will be held by Avilla American Legion Post 240.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, Immanuel Lutheran Church or Meals on Wheels.

Jack Keller

HOWE — Jack L. Keller, 59, of Avilla, formerly of Howe, died at 10:10 a.m. Saturday, May 19, 2001, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

In Plato in LaGrange County on Aug. 17, 1941, he was born to Clarence and Roxie (Shaffer) Keller. He married Belinda Zook on July 15, 2000, in Elkhart. She survives.

He was a forklift truck driver.

Surviving in addition to his wife and mother are three sons, Jason and Scott Keller, both of Howe, and Jeremy Keller, Indianapolis; three sisters, Mrs. Roger (Phyllis) Clark, Florida, Mrs. Tilly Tony, Elkhart, and Mrs. Pat Bell, LaGrange; and one granddaughter.

A brother, Robert, and a sister, Betty, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe, with the Rev. Steve Herendeen officiating. Burial will be in Plato Cemetery, Plato.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Bruce Flint** were held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 21, 2001, at the Gospel Lighthouse in Kendallville with the Revs. Zaundra and Curtis Hicks officiating. Burial was in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Active pallbearers were Dallas Dean, Herbert Hart, Steve Perkins, Cindy Pfafman, Ron Leland and Jay Dean.

Honorary pallbearers were Chandler Terry, Samuel Woods, Taubey Terry and Carter Hicks.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, was in charge of arrangements.

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Helen Waugh Shackelford, 91

Elizabeth City, N.C. — Helen Waugh Shackelford of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, died Wednesday, May 16, 2001, at 4 p.m. following a three-year illness with Myeloma.

She was born June 29, 1910 in Gettysburg, South Dakota, a daughter of Harvey and Gertrude Riley Waugh. She attended school at Collins, Indiana, and then Wolf Lake, in Noble County, Indiana, where she was a member of the best girls basketball team in northeastern Indiana for three years, 1925-1927.

A year after graduation, she was admitted to the last class of registered nurses to graduate from the Walter Reed Army School of Nursing. She spent a year doing post graduate nursing in surgery at Cook County Hospital in Chicago.

She was nursing at an East Coast Navy hospital when she was married to a Navy man, Reuben E. Shackelford in 1934.

Her Navy nursing career took her to Panama and other points during World War II.

Following WW II, the Shackelford's were stationed at the "lighter-than-air" Navy base on the East Coast.

She spent the remainder of her life at Nixonton on Little River. There she helped reopen the Halls Creek Methodist Church, more than 200 years old, where she was leader of the Youth Fellowship for years. She was an American Red Cross Volunteer, nursed the village people, and made beautiful things in the woodworking shop.

Mrs. Shackelford is survived by three daughters, a sister, Martha W. Wolfe of Loon Lake, three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and three step-grandchildren.

LaDonna Sacher

CELINA, OHIO -- LaDonna P. Sacher, 86, of Celina, Ohio died Monday, May 7, 2001 at Community Hospital, Coldwater, Ohio.

She was born November 15, 1914 in Delphos, Ohio to Samuel and Caroline (Eickholt) Hessian. She married James Sacher April 19, 1941. He preceded her in death. She graduated from St. John's Delphos High School in 1932, then graduated from St. Ritas School of Nursing in 1935. She was a retired registered nurse from the former Gibbons Hospital, Celina, and served on the Mercer County Blood Bank for many years. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Church, and the Altar Rosary Sodality; St. Ritas Alumni Assn. and the American Association of Retired Persons.

She is survived by three sons, John and Marie Sacher; William & Arline Sacher; Mike and Cathy Sacher, all of Celina; four daughters, Sue Weadock of St. Marys Ohio; Jane and Ed Londt of Fort Wayne; Betsy and Joe Dahlinghaus of Minster, Ohio; Ann and Rusty Vorhees of Celina; 15 grandchildren, two great grandchildren; one brother, Lawrence Hessian of Lima, Ohio; and one sister, Mary Eiting of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, an infant son, two brothers and two sisters.

Ruth A. Evard

COLUMBIA CITY-Ruth A. Evard, 62, a resident of Columbia City, died at 8:02 p.m., Sunday, May 20, 2001 in the emergency room at the Whitley Memorial Hospital.

She was born on May 2, 1939 in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana a daughter of Harry and Lurabelle Marrs Hollopeter. She attended kindergarten in Columbia City, then her family then moved to Green Township, Noble County and she attended elementary school at the Green Center School. She graduated with the Class of 1957 from Albion High School.

She began her employment at Chamberlain Products, South Whitley for a year before moving to Turlock, California to live with her grandparents. She was employed in a canning factory in California. In 1960 she returned to Indiana and worked at the Viking Company and Precision Plastics both in Columbia City and in 1966 started her employment at the General Electric in Fort Wayne.

On November 15, 1968 she was united in marriage to Neal E. Evard. They made their home in Green Township, Noble County for three years and in 1972, moved to a home at Bear Lake. Since 1992, they have made their home in Columbia City.

She was a member of the First Church of God in Columbia City, Wolf Lake Ladies Fire Auxiliary, V. F. W. #4717 Auxiliary and the Elex Club.

She is survived by her husband, Neal; three sons, Paul Eugene Evard of Wolf Lake, Anthony Wayne and his wife, Tanya Evard of Albion and Scott Allan Evard of Columbia City; a daughter, Theresa Marie Evard, Columbia City; three grandsons, Casey, Justin and Chris Evard; her mother and stepfather, Lurabelle and Howard Kourt, South Whitley and a brother, Steve L. Hollopeter of Fort Wayne.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with Rev. George Reser, pastor of First Church of God, officiating. The burial will be in Nolt Cemetery, Columbia Township. The visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Noble Township Fire Department, Wolf lake.

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Lowell D. Weber, 83

AVILLA-Lowell D. Weber, 83, died on Monday, May 21, 2001 at 9:16 p.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital E. R. in Kendallville.

He was born on April 6, 1918 to Ralph C. and Ruth Gladys (Emmert) Weber. On Nov. 29, 1947 he married Loretta E. Housholder at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. She survives. He had lived north of Wolcottville on a farm before moving to Avilla in 1947. He was employed by Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne for 35 years and retired in 1983.

Mr. Weber was an Army WWII veteran, a member of the Avilla American Legion Post #240 and a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

Surviving are one son Kenneth and his wife Kathy Weber of Spring Valley IL; three daughters, Ruth Ann and her husband Julian Kmiec of Elkhart, Cheryl and her husband Donald Oss of Everett, WA and Jill and her husband Phil Sensibaugh of Albion; one grandchild Tara Sensibaugh; four step grandchildren; one step great-grandchild; one brother, John E. Weber and one sister, Emma Searer both of Elkhart.

Services will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla at Thursday, May 4, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, May 23, 2001 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home Avilla and also one hour prior to services at the Church on Thursday.

Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery at Avilla. Special Military Graveside Services will be held by Avilla American Legion Post #240.

Preferred memorials are to American Heart Assoc. or to Immanuel Lutheran Church or Meals on Wheels.

THE NEWS-SUN THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2001

Michael Gingerich

TOPEKA — Michael Ross Gingerich, 19, of Topeka, died at 3:50 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, 2001, as a result of a tractor accident.

In Goshen on May 5, 1982, he was born to Perry B. and Janet L. (Folk) Gingerich. They survive.

He was a life-long Topeka resident, and worked part-time at Menard's in Goshen.

He attended Emma Mennonite Church and was a member of the Emma Mennonite Youth Fellowship Group.

The Westview High School senior would have graduated Friday.

Mr. Gingerich

Mr. Gingerich was involved in the Westview Building Trades program in 2000 and received an Academic Excellence Award in architectural drafting, and he was a two-time winner of the Academic Excellence Award in Building Trades.

He was a member of the Westview baseball and basketball teams, and a member of the school's soccer sectional championship team.

Surviving in addition to his parents are two brothers, Nic Gingerich of Edwardsburg, Mich., and Ross Gingerich of Topeka; a paternal grandmother, Barbara Gingerich of Topeka; and maternal grandparents, Carl and Mary Folk of Ligonier.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Emma Mennonite Church with the Revs. Gene Hartman and Harold Gingerich officiating. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka.

Calling is from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Theresa Fish

GOSHEN — Theresa M. Fish, 70, of Goshen, died at 9:59 a.m. Tuesday, May 22, 2001, at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

On Feb. 10, 1931 in Buffalo, N.Y., she was born to Charles and Francella (Raymondo) Sciolino. In Buffalo on Aug. 27, 1951, she married Thomas P. Fish, who survives.

She was a homemaker and retired from Hook's/CVS Pharmacy in Goshen after 21 years of service.

She was a member of the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Goshen.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two daughters, Mrs. Jeff (Susan) Lietzan of Goshen, and Mrs. Doug (Deborah) Bertelsen of Highland Home, Ala.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Paul Fish of Elkhart, William and Kim Fish and Thomas and Rena Fish, all of Ligonier; a sister, Mrs. Rose Magno of Buffalo, N.Y.; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Benjamin and Rose Sciolino and Alfred Sciolino, all of Buffalo, N.Y.; 17 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. John Evangelist Catholic Church, Goshen, with Father John Delaney of the church officiating. Burial will be in Violett Cemetery, Goshen.

A rosary service will be held at 7 p.m. today.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rieth Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home, Goshen.

Memorials are to the Elkhart County Heart Fund.

Merland Hart

HUDSON — Merland E. "Shorty" Hart, 94, died Tuesday, May 22, 2001, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Hart retired in 1970 from Rieke Corp. in Auburn after 21 years of service as a plater operator.

He was born Sept. 29, 1906, in Ossian to Alvin and Julia (Tracey) Hart.

He married Marie Getts on Aug. 19, 1928. She died Oct. 11, 1969.

He married Mildred Rouse on March 26, 1973, and she survives.

Also surviving are five daughters, Betty Emerick of Kendallville, June Emerick and Marlene Smith, both of Hudson, Gloria Keezer of New Bavaria, Ohio, and Shirley Clark of Meridian, Idaho; two sons, Keith Hart of Bryan, Ohio, and Ronald Hart of Hudson; two sisters, Retha Conrad of Fort Wayne and Verna Noirot of Kendallville; and one brother, Harold Hart of Van Wert, Ohio; 24 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two children, Eunis and Robert; two brothers, Dallas and Verl, and four sisters, Peggy, Donna, Ethal and Lucile.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Robert Staup officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling is Friday from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

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Kathryn Michael

SYRACUSE — Kathryn E. Michael, 92, of Syracuse, died at 3:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 24, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Syracuse.

On June 7, 1908, in Goshen, she was born to George and Mable E. (Seitz) Honert. In Albion on May 26, 1928, she married Herbert Michael, who preceded her in death in 1964.

She was a member of Cromwell United Methodist Church's Lydia Circle Friendly Neighbors and the Kosciusko County Home Economics Club.

Surviving are a son, James Michael of Fort Myers Beach, Fla.; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Carol Barnard of South Bend, Donna and Wallace Clark of Syracuse, Nancy and John Cornwell of Indianapolis, and Kay and Hugh Geiger of Columbia City; a sister, Virginia Poppy of Elkhart; 10 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

A grandchild preceded her in death.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Marion Young

AVILLA — Marion R. Young, 90, of Avilla, died Tuesday, May 22, 2001, at her daughter's home in Avilla.

Mrs. Young, a homemaker, moved from Angola to Avilla in 1994. She worked as a nurse's aide at Elmhurst Hospital and Cameron Hospital, both in Angola, retiring in 1980 after 20 years of service.

She was a member of the Angola Christian Church and attended Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola. She also was a member of the Hoosier Hills Home Economics Club.

She was born July 11, 1910, in Camden, Mich., to Emmor G. and Nellie M. (Ramsey) Pennock.

Surviving are a son, Charles C. Young of Dakota City, Neb.; a daughter, Barbara J. Swager of Avilla; eight grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne C. Young, on May 14, 1983; a son, Richard W. Young; a daughter, Marilyn Young; an infant brother; and a grandson, Charles Young.

Services will be held Friday at 2:30 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Ron Miller officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Friday from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2001 THE NEWS-SUN

Mary Nissley

LAGRANGE — Mary Nissley, 90, died at 9:35 p.m. Thursday, May 24, 2001, at the home of her daughter, Fanny Mae Bontrager.

She was a homemaker who moved to LaGrange County from Kansas in 1941. She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born June 21, 1910, in Custer County, Okla., to John and Jannie (Yoder) Yutzy. On Jan. 19, 1933, in Weatherford, Okla., she married Andy D. Nissley, who preceded her in death Dec. 16, 1933.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Jon Nissley, in January, 2001; a sister, Anna Mast; three brothers, William, Jonas and John Yutzy; a grandson; and a granddaughter.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Fanny Mae and Allen Bontrager of LaGrange, Katie Viola and Lloyd Hochstedler of Middlebury, Mary Margaret and Amms Hochstetler of Milford and Ruby Ellen and Albert Hochstedler of Kokomo; two sons, Leroy Nissley of Wolcottville and William Nissley of Americus, Ga.; a sister, Elizabeth Mast of Harper, Kan.; 31 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Allen Bontrager residence, 3065N C.R. 250W, LaGrange, with Bishop Perry Whetstone and Minister Freeman L. Yoder officiating. Burial will be at Mast Cemetery, county roads 150N and 250W, LaGrange.

Calling is Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday at the Allen Bontrager residence.

Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Vera M. Foor Bodenhafer** were held at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 24, 2001, at Faith United Methodist Church. The Rev. James Toole officiated.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Wayne and Kelly Schurr, Steve Herendeen, Larry Poppy, Greg Beckman and Kenneth Bodenhafer.

Honorary pallbearers were Emmert and Leona Herr, Mike Egolf, Marvin Hall, David and Eugene Herendeen and Mark Erickson.

Arrangements were by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

AVILLA — Services for **Lowell D. Weber** were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 24, 2001 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating.

Burial was at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Avilla.

Pallbearers were Mike and Clifford Householder, Brad Owens, Doug Gaff and Terry Housholder.

Honorary pallbearers were Jonny Weber, Karl Housholder and Maynard Peterson.

Arrangements were by Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Robert V. Rothrock** were held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville. The Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiated.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Rick Miller, Jerry Dilley, Monte and Ryan Egolf, Mike Malott, Joe Harper and Perry Jordan.

THE NEWS-SUN SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2001

Tina Shirely

FORT WAYNE — Tina J. Shirely, 44, died Thursday, May 24, 2001, at her home.

Mrs. Shirely was a homemaker and a native of Fort Wayne. She loved NASCAR racing and football.

She is survived by her husband, Ernest E., of Fort Wayne; three sons, Steven A., Ernest E. Jr. and Ryan M., all of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sarah M. and Bradley Derovin and Kerry S. Shirely, all of Fort Wayne; her parents, Walter E. Sr. and Betty J. Hardesty of Fort Wayne; seven brothers, Gilbert Hardesty of Kentucky, Walter Hardesty Jr. of Claypool, Kenneth Hardesty of Goshen, Keith Hardesty and Timothy Hardesty, both of Fort Wayne, Wayne Hardesty of Fremont and Ricky Hardesty of Huntington; two sisters, Kathy West of New Haven and Penny Hardesty of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne.

Calling is Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

THE NEWS-SUN SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2001

Marlene Hanes

KENDALLVILLE — Marlene R. Hanes, 62, died at 6 p.m. Saturday, at her residence after a long battle with cancer.

She was employed for many years at the Kendallville Public Library.

Among her survivors is her husband, Duane L. Hanes.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

(A full obituary will appear in Tuesday's edition.)

Donald Lawrence Shell

LIGONIER — Donald Lawrence Shell, 75, died Saturday, May 26, 2001, at Oak Leaf Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Mr. Shell retired from Modulus Corp. in Gary, in 1985. He was a U.S. Army veteran, a member of American Legion Post 243 of Ligonier, and a member of the Open Door Church. He was a taxi driver for the Amish.

He was born on Sept.r 13, 1925, in Montecello, to Howard Neal and Adalene Miller Shell.

He married Mary (Rhoades) Shell of Topeka. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-laws, Jane Alice and John Myers, of Michigan City; Gail Ruth and Garry Stewart of Topeka; and Dawna Mary and Jason Cummins of Goshen; two sisters, Eva Theodorus of Hobart; Madalene Mickey of Crown Point; eight grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Ellen Kay Shell; one granddaughter; and a brother Neal Shell.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. Revs. Paul Maynard and Herald E. Heaton will officiate. Burial will be in Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville.

Calling is from 2 until 4 p.m. and 6 until 8 p.m. Monday at Orr Funeral Home.

TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2001 THE NEWS-SUN

Agnes Massmann

AVILLA — Agnes T. Massmann, 98, died at 9:20 a.m. Sunday, May 27, 2001, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

She was a homemaker who had lived in the Avilla community since she came there from Richmond in 1978. She was a charter member of the Daughters of Isabella in Richmond.

She was born Jan. 25, 1903, in Pittsburgh, Pa., to William and Magdelena (Pfeiffer) Knauber. Her first husband, Harry F. Frame, died in 1959. Her second husband, Bernard Massmann, died in 1973.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara Allen of Richmond and Sister Joan Frame of Indianapolis; a stepdaughter, Mary Rose Massmann of Richmond; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Provena Sacred Heart Home Chapel, Avilla, with Father Daniel Leeuw officiating. Graveside services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Richmond.

Calling is 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday at Provena Sacred Heart Home, with a rosary service there at 10:15 a.m.

Memorials are to the nursing home or St. Mary's Catholic Church, Richmond.

Local arrangements are by Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla. Graveside arrangements are by Riggle-Waltermann, Richmond.

Edie McMaken

COLUMBIA CITY — Edie McMaken, 54, died Monday, May 28, 2001, in Fort Wayne.

She had lived in the Columbia City community 13 years. She worked in the clerical department at Dana PTG division for two years, in clerical at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, for six years, at PHP Insurance for six years and in the clerical department at Time Services for six years. She was active in Big Lake Church of God and Allen Business Women Association.

She was born Oct. 26, 1946. Her mother, Grayce Burgess, survives in Albion. On Aug. 9, 1980, in Indiana, she married Albert L. McMaken, who survives in Columbia City.

Also surviving are two sons, Brian D. Knapp of Redmond, Mich., and Erik P. Knapp of Rhinelander, Wis.; two stepsons, Alan L. McMaken of Wolcottville and Dan D. McMaken of Ashley; two stepdaughters, Vickie L. Ley of Avilla and Cathy S. Bookmiller of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Harold E. Burgess of Fort Wayne and Ed S. Burgess of Albion; four sisters, L. Marlene Burgess of Bluffton and Reba K. Richhart, Ruth Basinski and Sue Garrett, all of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Allen County Cancer Society.

Ruby Keister

ALBION — Ruby E. Keister, 82, died at 4:15 p.m. Sunday, May 27, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

She was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of Noble County. She was a member of Albion Wesleyan Church.

She was born March 19, 1919, in Merriam to Albert and Gertrude (Addis) Keister.

Surviving are four nieces, Donna Snyder of Albion, Barbara Hovarter of Corunna, and Beverly Zuhl and Linda Keister, both of Lake Oswego, Ore.; five nephews, Larry Cooper of Albion, Wayne Cooper of Stroh, Gary and Ron Keister, both of Columbia City, and Barry Keister of Barbee Lake; and two brothers, Nelson and Robert Keister, both of Columbia City.

A sister, Bernice Reed, and a brother, Gerald Keister, preceded her in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Albion Wesleyan Church with the Rev. Eric Ball officiating. Burial will be at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and at the church an hour before services Thursday.

Memorials are to the Albion Wesleyan Church music fund.

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Arnold Locastro

FORT WAYNE — Arnold "Arnie" Locastro, 66, died Sunday, May 27, 2001, at home.

The New York City native was head custodian for East Allen County Schools, retiring in 1998.

Surviving are his wife, Ann Locastro; three daughters, Regina Hart of Albion, and Kathy Jones and Lisa Dutt, both of Ossian; a son, David Locastro of Albion; two brothers, Sal Locastro of Monticello, N.Y., and Guido Locastro of New Jersey; five sisters, Millie Caporale of Bryam, Conn., Eleanor Marietta and Penny Galdoise, both of Brooklyn, N.Y., Yola Prizzi of Queens, N.Y., and Evelyn Georgiadis of Chicago; and 13 grandchildren.

Prayer services are 9:15 a.m. Thursday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road. Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, 14623 Bluffton Road, Yoder. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is 6-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Marlene Hanes

KENDALLVILLE — Marlene R. Hanes, 63, died at 6:10 p.m. Saturday, May 26, 2001, at home. She had been sick since April, 2000.

She was a lifetime resident of the Kendallville area. She was a graduate of Kendallville High School in May 1956. She studied at Ravens-Croft Beauty College, Fort Wayne, from September 1956 to June 1957. She took training classes for management and direct sales every three months from February 1981 to April 1983 with World Book-Childcraft.

Mrs. Hanes

From January 1957 to January 1972, she was a beautician at Reed Beauty Shop, Kendallville. From 1962 through 1972 she worked there part-time while raising her family. From April 1978 to February 1981, she was a saleswoman at The Nobleman men's wear, Kendallville. From February 1981 until her death she was a district manager for World Book-Childcraft, servicing schools and libraries in Noble, DeKalb and Steuben counties. She was responsible for hiring and training new recruits and direct selling. She was a library clerk at the Kendallville Public Library.

She was active in the Tuesday Study Club and the Stewardship Committee of First Christian Church. She was a member of Tri Kappa. In the past she had been a room mother, Cub Scout leader, Girl Scout leader and Sunday school teacher. She had served as chairwoman of Christian education at her church and on various church committees, and served on the program committee at the YMCA and the election board. She was previously chairman of several committees for Tri Kappa.

She was born March 23, 1938, in Kendallville to Millard P. and Telia (Reed) Newman. On Dec. 22, 1957, in Kendallville, she married Duane L. Hanes, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Tom and Cathy Aumsbaugh of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Doug and Marie Hanes of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Richard Miller of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at First Christian Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. Thomas Clothier of that church officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, and at the church Thursday an hour before services.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church building fund.

Robert Schuelke

FORT WAYNE — Robert L. Schuelke, 79, died Tuesday, May 29, 2001, at Parkyiew Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Fort Wayne native was a machinist, tool maker and apprentice graduate with General Electric and had retired from International Harvester in 1983 after 17 years. He also worked part-time at Prestige Exteriors Inc. He was a part-time instructor at Ivy Tech State College. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Melva Schuelke; a daughter, Kathleen Kuhn of Larwill; a son, Tom Schuelke of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Carol Kreigh of Albion and Ruth Richards of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Messiah Lutheran Church, 7211 Stellhorn Road. Burial will be at Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4:30 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, and an hour before services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Evelyn Leas

PLEASANT LAKE — Evelyn Ruth Leas, 83, of Pleasant Lake, died March 30, 2001, in Waco, Ky.

She was born Feb. 3, 1918, to Fred and Iva Ford. She married Burdett Leas on Sept. 14, 1938. He died in 1995.

Surviving are a daughter, Susan Noblett of Waco, Ky.; a granddaughter, Lynn Noblett of New York City; and three sisters, Dorris Kennedy of LaGrange, Jennie Halsey of Pleasant Lake and Violet Curtis of Kentland.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Edna German, in 1993.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Mary Louise Martin

FORT WAYNE — Mary Louise Martin, 88, died at 1:35 a.m. Saturday, May 26, 2001, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She had lived in Fort Wayne since 1931. She was a tester at General Electric who retired in 1974 after 24 years. She was a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

She was born July 23, 1912, in Kendallville. On Nov. 17, 1933, in Bluffton, she married Carl D. Martin, who preceded her in death.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Carl B. Martin; three sisters, Dorothy L. Conner, Marjorie L. Olry and Joan J. Combs; a brother, Joseph B. Olry; and a half-brother, Farold Olry.

Surviving are a son, C. "Jan" Martin of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Carmen R. Mozzer of Riverview, Fla., and Cecelia M. Bargy of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Pearl R. Rickard of Ypsilanti, Mich., Therese L. Huttsell of Fort Wayne, and E. Bernadette Stikeleather of Anaheim, Calif.; three brothers, Alvah J. Olry Sr. and Howard F. and Vincent R. Olry, all of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Ethel Sarka

LIMA, Ohio — Ethel Sarka, 70, died at 6:32 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, 2001, at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima, Ohio.

She was a homemaker.

She was born Aug. 18, 1930, in Knott County, Ky., to Sam and Hanna (Conley) Ramey. She had been married to Dewey Mullett. On April 18, 1980, she married Charles W. Sarka, who preceded her in death May 12, 1995.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Nancy Dean Ramey; four brothers, Lindsey, Orville, Louis and Tandy Ramey; and a grandson.

Surviving are three sons, Glen Ramey of Topeka, Dewey Thomas Mullett of Lafayette, Ohio, and Tandy Mullett of Waynesfield, Ohio; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lodina and Cap Childers of Dema, Ky., and Juanita and Jack Fox of Venedocia, Ohio; a stepson and his wife, James and Sharon Sarka of Defiance, Ohio; a stepdaughter, Janet Brandehoff of Defiance; four brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Virginia Ramey and Kendall and Mary Ramey, all of Wolcottville, Ancil and Nora Ramey of Ligonier and Turner and Delcie Ramey of Quicksand, Ky.; two more sisters-in-law, Geraldine Ramey of LaGrange and Genevieve Ramey of McGuffey, Ohio; Tandy Mullett's fiancee, Carolyn Goubeaux; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were 1 p.m. Saturday at Hanson-Neely Funeral Home, Alger, Ohio, with the Revs. Russell Manns and Willie Collins officiating. Burial was at Preston Cemetery, Alger.

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Della Scott

LAGRANGE — Della M. Scott, 71, died Tuesday, May 29, 2001, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

She was a homemaker.

She was born Oct. 9, 1929, in Sturgis, Mich., to Hollis and Stella (Wiederman) Newman.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Larry Hasbrouck of Shipshewana; a brother, Paul Scott of Kalamazoo, Mich.; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Scott, in 1980; a daughter, Vicky Scott; and three brothers, Alvin, Elvin and Carlton Newman.

Services are 1 p.m. Thursday at Shipshewana United Methodist Church with the Rev. Scott Carmer officiating. Burial will be at Ontario Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe.

Memorials are to Bear Lake Bible Camp or the church.

Services Held

TOPEKA — Funeral services for **Michael Ross Gingerich**, 19, of Topeka, were 2 p.m. Sunday, May 27, 2001, at Emma Mennonite Church with the Revs. Gene Hartman and Harold Gingerich officiating.

Burial was at Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka.

Pallbearers were Jeremy Anders, Nic Hedges, Adam Lambright, Dan Lynn, Tim Yoder and Nate Sprunger.

Honorary pallbearers were Dave Deal, the Westview varsity basketball team and Troy Neely.

John Cart

LAGRANGE — John J. Cart, 80, died at 1:40 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

He was retired from the maintenance department of ANR Pipeline, LaGrange. He lived all his life in LaGrange County. He was a member of Valentine United Methodist Church and a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps in World War II.

He was born Dec. 26, 1920, in Elkhart County to Lloyd A. and Goldie Marie (Clark) Cart. On Nov. 10, 1943, in Albion, he married Mildred Jean Parker, who preceded him in death Oct. 28, 1998.

Two sisters, Eloise Gall and Audrey Sparklin, and two brothers, Stanford and Edward Cart, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Roger Bauman of LaGrange; two sons, Dennis L. Cart of Jonesboro and Thomas J. Cart of Angola; five grandchildren; and three foster grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Titus Speicher Jr. officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

Vincent Petit

FORT WAYNE — Vincent O. Petit, 83, died Monday, May 28, 2001, at Royer Lake, LaGrange.

The Iroquois County, Ill., native retired in 1986 as a claims manager for American States Insurance Co. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II and a past president of the Third Order of Saint Francis.

Surviving are two daughters, Virginia Petit of Fort Wayne and Barbara J. Petit of Atlanta; four sons, Steven V. and Martin A. Petit, both of Fort Wayne, Mark G. Petit of Fort Wayne, and David P. Petit of San Diego; a sister, Patricia Preisser of Florida; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

His wife, Dorothy Petit, preceded him in death in 1996.

Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Therese Catholic Church, 2304 Lower Huntington Road. Entombment will be at Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is 7-9 p.m. today at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road, and 30 minutes before services Thursday at the church. Prayers are 8:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Masses.

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Edie McMaken

COLUMBIA CITY-Edie McMaken, 54, died on Monday, May 28, 2001 in Fort Wayne.

She was born on October 26, 1946. On August 9, 1980 she married Albert L. McMaken, he survives. She had lived in the Columbia City community for 13 years, was a member of the Big Lake Church of God, and Allen Business Women Assoc. She had worked in the clerical dept. of Dana PTG Div. for two years; Parkview Hospital Clerical for six years; PHP Ins. for six years and Time Services, Clerical Dept for six years.

Survivors include: her husband, Albert McMaken of Columbia City; two sons, Brian D. Knapp of Redmond, Mich.; Erik P. Knapp of Rhinelander, Wisc.; two stepsons, Alan L. McMaken of Wolcottville; Dan D. McMaken of Ashley; two stepdaughters, Vickie L. Ley of Avilla; Cathy J. Bookmiller of Ft. Wayne; her mother, Grayce Burgess of Albion; two brothers, Harold E. Burgess of Ft. Wayne and Ed S. Burgess of Albion; four sisters, L. Marlene Burgess of Bluffton, Reba K. Richhart of Ft. Wayne, Ruth Basinski of Ft. Wayne and Sue Garrett of Ft. Wayne; twelve grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, May 30, 2001 from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at D. O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 31, 2001 at 2 p.m. in the D. O. McComb Lakeside Park Funeral Home at 1140 Lake.

Preferred memorials are to the Allen County Cancer Society.

Ruby E. Keister

ALBION-Ruby E. Keister, 82, died on Sunday, May 27, 2001 at 4:15 p.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She was born on March 19, 1919 in Merriam to Albert and Gertrude (Addis) Keister. She was a lifetime resident of Noble County a homemaker, and a member of the Albion Wesleyan Church.

Surviving are four nieces and five nephews: Donna Snyder of Albion; Barbara Hovarter of Corunna; Beverly Zuhl and Linda Keister both of Lake Oswego, Oregon; Larry Cooper of Albion; Wayne Cooper of Stroh and Gary and Ron Keister both of Columbia City; Barry Keister of Barbie Lake; two brothers, Nelson and Robert Keister both of Columbia City.

One sister, Bernice Reed and one brother Gerald Keister preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be held at the Albion Wesleyan Church in Albion on Thursday, May 31, 2001 at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Eric Ball officiating.

Visitation will be held on May 30, 2001 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion with calling one hour prior to services at the church on Thursday. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Albion Wesleyan Church Music Fund.

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Ruth Glick

SHIPSHEWANA — Ruth McCally Glick, 74, died at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County and a retired LaGrange County deputy treasurer. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority, the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sylvan Chapter 251 of OES of LaGrange and the LaGrange County College Club.

She was born June 15, 1926, in Clay Township, LaGrange County, to Frank and Hazel (Bowen) McCally. On March 8, 1947, in Marion, she married Elmer J. Glick, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, C. Susan Glick of LaGrange, Ann Glick of Shipshewana and Leslie Glick-Bordner of Moorehead City, N.C.; two sons, Joseph M. Glick of Elkhart and Jeffrey L. Glick of Shipshewana; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

A brother, Clare B. McCally, preceded her in death.

Memorial services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange. Burial will be at a later late at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 1-2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Ruth Duncan

COLUMBIA CITY — Ruth E. Duncan, 77, died Saturday, May 26, 2001, at Whitley Memorial Hospital, Columbia City.

The Noble County native retired from Weatherhead after 10 years.

Surviving are a daughter, Jean Brown of Tri-Lakes, a son, Alan Duncan of Columbia City; a brother, John Flory of Albion; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Thomas E. Duncan, preceded her in death in 1999.

Graveside services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

There is no calling.

Arrangements are by Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Jack Glaze

FORT WAYNE — Jack G. Glaze, 73, died Wednesday, May 30, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Fort Wayne native retired in 1990 as a senior design engineer for Dana Corp. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy in World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Kareen H. Glaze; a son, Gary G. Glaze of Kendallville; a daughter, Dian K. Furnnis of Boubonnais, Ill.; four stepsons, David R. Lochner of Auburn, Michael L. Lochner of Angola, Randy A. Lochner of Edgerton and Jeffrey D. Lochner of Bradenton, Fla.; five sisters, Lois J. Anweiler of Avilla, Carol I. Newman of Fort Wayne, Sue E. Johnson of New Haven, Alice M. Lindemann of Tocsin, and Kay N. Deal of Dayton; three brothers, Larry C. Glaze of Rainer, Ore., Charles M. Glaze of Cleveland and Ray A. Glaze of New Haven; two grandchildren; and eight stepgrandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road. Burial will be at Concordia Cemetery Gardens with military graveside services by American Legion Post 47.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, with American Legion Post 47 services at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the United Cerebral Palsy Association, 1660 L. St. NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20036-5602.

Milfred Richman

ALBION — Milfred W. Richman, 94, died Tuesday, May 29, 2001, at Silverado Senior Living, Costa Mesa, Calif.

After graduating from Purdue University in 1931 and getting a master's degree in horticulture from Purdue in 1933, he worked with the Rural Electrification program in Indiana and Kentucky. Later he served several northeast Indiana communities as Purdue extension service agent. In 1943 he joined the Noble County Soil Conservation District. He was a member of the Lions Club and Asbury United Methodist Church, and a 50-year member at Albion Masonic Lodge 97. He had lived in the Albion area for 68 years.

He was born Jan. 14, 1907, in Wanatah to Louis C. and Albertina (Hundt) Richman. On May 18, 1935, in Rolling Prairie, he married Ethelyn B. Morton, who preceded him in death April 27, 1994.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Marilyn and Paul Winslow of Farmington, Mich., and Marsha Rosenthal of Athens, Ga.; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Jean Richman of Huntington Beach, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Asbury United Methodist Church, Albion. Burial will be at Union Mills Cemetery, Union Mills.

Calling is 5-9 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and 9-10 a.m. Saturday at the church.

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LaMar Smith

ANGOLA — LaMar Eugene Smith, 66, of Angola, died Tuesday, May 29, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Smith was a farmer and a member of the Clear Lake Lutheran Church, past president of the Hamilton Community Schools board, past president of the Edon, Ohio, Farmers Co-op, past president of the Clear Lake Lutheran Church board and past trustee of the Richland Township board.

He was born March 17, 1935, in Steuben County to R.T. and Mildred (Van Auken) Smith. His father survives in Hamilton.

On March 2, 1958, he married Maleen (Stegelmann) Smith, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Stephen E. Smith of Blissfield, Mich.; a daughter, Brenda Smith of Indianapolis; a sister, Phyllis Rowe; and a grandchild, Peter A. Smith.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Clear Lake Lutheran Church with Pastor Donald Rauhut officiating. Burial will be in Clear Lake Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to Clear Lake Lutheran Church.

Charles Harrison

AVILLA — Charles Harrison, 80, died at 5:40 a.m. Monday, May 28, 2001, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

The Avilla resident was born April 2, 1921, in Logansport to Charles B. and Nola (Cragan) Harrison.

Surviving is a brother, Jack L. Kitterman of Thonotosassia, Fla.

Three brothers and a sister preceded him in death.

Services are 1:30 p.m. Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville. Burial will be at Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is noon-1:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Mary Coleman

BIG TURKEY LAKE — Mary Helen Coleman, 82, died at 11 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, 2001, at Cameron Hospital Emergency Room, Angola. She had been in failing health the last six months.

She worked for 14 years at Stillman's Shoe Repair Shop, Muncie. She was a homemaker later in life. She and her husband moved to Big Turkey Lake in 1970. She was a member of Five Corners Baptist Church north of Wolcottville. She had lived with her daughter since 1998.

Coleman

She was born Jan. 7, 1919, to Floyd and Bessie (Hahn) Jones. On July 29, 1950, in Muncie, she married Robert H. Coleman, who preceded her in death Jan. 26, 1999.

Her stepfather, Tom Allie, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Neallyce Kay Staudinger of Hudson and Cheri Lee High of Middletown; a half-brother, Emmett Duncan of Muncie; six granddaughters; four grandsons; 15 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Five Corners Baptist Church on S.R. 9 north of Wolcottville with the Rev. Clarence Combs officiating. Burial will be at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Muncie, with a committal service at the chapel there at about 1:30 p.m.

Calling is after 3 p.m. Friday at the church, with a special church service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the church or the family.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

John A. Cain

KENDALLVILLE — John A. Cain, 77, died at 8:35 a.m. Thursday, May 31, 2001, at home after a lengthy illness.

The 1942 graduate of Kendallville High School served in the U.S. Army during World War II and until 1946. He received a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue University in 1949. In 1950 he went to work at Flint & Walling in Kendallville, where he worked until he retired in 1984 as vice president of sales. He was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, and a life member of Kendallville Elks Lodge 1194 for over 50 years. He was past chairman of the large industry division of the Kendallville United Way fund drive.

Mr. Cain

He was born April 12, 1924, in Kendallville to Nevin J. and Mildred Irene (Rothermal) Cain. On Oct. 22, 1949, in Kendallville he married Clara B. Stemen, who survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John Cain Jr. and Ana Cain of San Jose, Costa Rica; three daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Tad Dekko of Naples, Fla., Melanie and Stan Todd of LaGrange, and Candace and Al Somerlott of Columbia City; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Carol Cain of Kendallville; and six grandchildren, Brandon and Joel Bianski, Ryan and Mitchell Todd and Paige and Chase Dekko.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial with military graveside rites will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, with a Kendallville Elks Lodge service at 7:45 p.m.

David Lee McNamara

AUBURN — David Lee McNamara, 50, of Auburn died Wednesday, May 30, 2001, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center at Fort Wayne.

He worked at Parker Hannifin in Ashley and was a U.S. Army veteran of Vietnam.

He was born April 16, 1951, in DeKalb County, to Robert Marcellus and Miriam Virginia (Parker) McNamara. They preceded him in death.

On May 22, 1971, he marred Cathy Johnsonbaugh of Butler. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, David Scott McNamara of Auburn and Robbie Richard McNamara of Auburn; two brothers, Joseph McNamara of St. Joe and Larry McNamara of Dayton, Ohio; one half-brother, Robert J. McNamara of Wawaka; two sisters, Beverly Albright of Kendallville and Linda Brumbaugh of Garrett, and three grandchildren, Alexis Mercedes, Bailee Scott and Blake Justin.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Melissa Lee McNamara.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Memorials are to the family.

He was preceded in death by a son, Rodney John Ringler, in 1992; three brothers, Harold, Homer and Carl; and two sisters, Violet Wood and Elner Miller.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 3-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Juvenile Diabetes Association or St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Burnis Knox

KENDALLVILLE — Burnis Knox, 74, died at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 31, 2001, at home in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

The following obituary is being rerun to provide additional information.

Ethel Sarka

LIMA, Ohio — Ethel Sarka, 70, died at 6:32 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, 2001, at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima, Ohio.

She was a homemaker.

She was born Aug. 18, 1930, in Knott County, Ky., to Sam and Hanna (Conley) Ramey. She had been married to Dewey Mullett. On April 18, 1980, she married Charles W. Sarka, who preceded her in death May 12, 1995.

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Surviving are three sons, Glen Ramey of Topeka, Dewey Thomas Mullett of Lafayette, Ohio, and Tandy Mullett of Waynesfield, Ohio; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lodina and Cap Childers of Dema, Ky., and Juanita and Jack Fox of Venedocia, Ohio; a stepson and his wife, James and Sharon Sarka of Defiance, Ohio; a stepdaughter, Janet Brandehoff of Defiance; four brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Virginia Ramey and Kendall and Mary Ramey, all of Wolcottville, Ancil and Nora Ramey of Ligonier and Turner and Delcie Ramey of Quicksand, Ky.; two more sisters-in-law, Geraldine Ramey of LaGrange and Genevieve Ramey of McGuffey, Ohio; Tandy Mullett's fiancee, Carolyn Goubeaux; 13 grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were Saturday at Hanson-Neely Funeral Home, Alger, Ohio, with the Revs. Russell Manns and Willie Collins officiating. Burial was at Preston Cemetery, Alger.

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Ramona Slabaugh

WOLCOTTVILLE — Ramona J. Slabaugh, 70, died at 4:38 p.m. Thursday, May 31, 2001, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

She lived all her life in LaGrange County. She retired from Sealed Power Corp., LaGrange, having worked there from 1969-1984.

She was born July 23, 1930, in LaGrange County to David D. and Zelma L. (Firestone) Hart. On March 17, 1973 in Wolcottville she married Perry D. Slabaugh, who preceded her in death July 30, 1997.

Surviving are two sons, Herbert R. Levitz Jr. and Danny A. Levitz, both of Angola; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Roselma and Bill Slone of Wolcottville, Marlene Levitz and Roberta and Charles Hill, all of LaGrange, Cynthia and Vernon L. Yoder of Howe and Carolyn and Danny Price of Topeka; a stepdaughter and her husband, Betsy and Harold Fannin of Morgantown; a stepson, Danny E. Slabaugh of Georgia; a brother, Teddy C. Hart of Stroh; 25 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for Marlene R. Hanes were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 31, 2001, at First Christian Church, Kendallville. The Rev. Thomas Clothier officiated. Burial was at Lake View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Doug Hanes, Tom, Joel, Jared and Jonathan Aumsbaugh and Charlie Moore.

Arrangements were by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Brian Clark

FORT WAYNE — Brian L. Clark, 46, died Thursday, May 24, 2001.

The former resident of Fort Wayne was born Sept. 15, 1954, in Brunswick, Ga., to Joe and Diane Clark.

Surviving are his wife, Vivian Clark; three daughters, Melissa, Cheri and Ebony, all of North Carolina; three sisters, Ernestine Clark of Kendallville and Cheryl Williams and Javanna Bradley both of Erie, Pa.; and five brothers, Terry, Lee, Jeff and Leon Clark, all of Erie, and Lester Clark of Florida.

Arrangements are pending in North Carolina.

Alfred Wade

LAFOLLETTE, Tenn. — Alfred Allen Wade, 76, died Thursday, May 31, 2001, at home in LaFollette.

The LaFollette, Tenn., resident was a member of Fincastle United Methodist Church, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Elks and the American Legion. He was a World War II veteran. He graduated from Notre Dame University.

Surviving are his wife, Rheba A. Wade of LaFollette; four daughters, Andrea Hicks of Lake Orion, Mich., Anita Jones of Parker City, Patricia Chambers of Fort Wayne and Terry Brown of Muncie; four sons, Chris Wade of St. Lucie, Fla., Monty Wade of Franklin, Tenn., Gary Chamber of Edwardsburg, Mich., and Jerry Chambers of Fort Wayne; a nephew, Frank Wade of St. Clair Shore, Mich.; two nieces, Marcia Jahncke of New Orleans, La., and Linda Vidosh of St. Clair Shore; 15 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

A son, Fred Wade; and his parents, Dr. Fred and Zelda (Beecher) Wade, preceded him in death.

Services are 11 a.m. June 9 at Fincastle United Methodist Church, LaFollette, with Dr. David Lord officiating. Burial will be in Howe.

Memorials are to the Housecall Hospice Program or the church.

Arrangements are by Walters Funeral Home, LaFollette.

John Ringler

AUBURN — John Warren Ringler, 78, died Thursday, May 31, 2001, in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home at Butler.

Mr. Ringler had lived in Auburn. He was an insurance agent with Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. for 26 years, retiring in 1983.

He was a member of the Auburn Rotary Club, Metropolitan Veterans Association and the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum. He loved sports, especially basketball, baseball and watching his granddaughter play softball.

Mr. Ringler graduated from Wolcottville High School in 1941.

He was born Feb. 25, 1923, at Wolcottville to Francis W. and Laura H. (Sailors) Ringler.

He is survived by his wife, Janice A. (Kreischer) Ringler; a daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Mike Harris of St. Joe; five grandchildren, Scott Ringler of Oklahoma, Geoff Harris of St. Joe, Monica Ringler Wells and Robbin Ringler, both of Angola, and Jaima Harris of St. Joe; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Paul Ringler of Paulding, Ohio, and Donald G. Ringler of Wolcottville; four sisters, M. Joan Rossman of Sturgis, Mich., Nila I. Burkey of Wolcottville, Laura M. Bowdish of Sturgis, Mich., and Helen I. Busk of Cadillac, Mich.; and a daughter-in-law, Karen Ringler of Angola.

He was preceded in death by a son, Rodney John Ringler, in 1992; three brothers, Harold, Homer and Carl; and two sisters, Violet Wood and Elner Miller.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 3-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Juvenile Diabetes Association or St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

THE NEWS-SUN SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2001

Burnis Knox

Mr. Knox

KENDALLVILLE — Burnis Knox, 74, of Kendallville, died Thursday, May 31, 2001, at 8:30 p.m. at his residence. He had been ill for three months.

He resided in Kendallville for 47 years, coming from Kentucky. He was retired from Kendallville Iron & Metal as a truck driver for 12 years. Prior to that he worked for the Kendallville Street Department for 12 years and had been a foundry worker. He was a World War II Army veteran and was a member of the Kendallville VFW.

He was born Oct. 25, 1926, in Wayland, Ky., to Howard and Ada (Hicks) Knox.

On March 13, 1948, in Paintsville, Ky., he married Cleta Mae Manns, who survives.

Other survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Van and Rita Knox, and Sandra and Keith Holden, all of Kendallville; four sisters, Hettie Loucis of Garrett, Ky., Brenda Conley of Mississippi, and Hattie Hicks and Birdie Compton, both of Kendallville; three brothers, Ernest Knox, Arvin Knox and Arnold Knox, all of Kendallville; 12 grandchildren, Michelle Jaquay, Whttany Holden, Brad Knox, Matt Spencer, Tyler Knox, Erich Holden, Krystal Strock, Kylen Branham, Corey Spencer, Justin Knox, Alex Knox and Zach Holden; and eight great-grandchildren, Colton Jaquay, Allison Knox, Rieley Hobson, Don Strock, Jami Jaquay, Kayne Hobson, Reece Hobson and Clay Strock.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Sharon K. Branham, on Sept. 9, 1990; one sister, Maudie Cordial; and three brothers, Curtis Knox, Otis Knox and Anthony Knox.

The following obituary is being rerun to provide additional information.

Alfred Wade

LAFOLLETTE, Tenn. — Alfred Allen Wade, 76, died Thursday, May 30, 2001, at home.

The LaFollette, Tenn., resident was a member of Fincastle United Methodist Church, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Elks and the American Legion. He was a World War II veteran. He graduated from Notre Dame University.

Surviving are his wife, Rheba A. Wade of LaFollette; four daughters, Andrea Hicks of Lake Orion, Mich., Anita Jones of Parker City, Patricia Chambers of Fort Wayne and Terry Brown of Muncie; four sons, Chris Wade of St. Lucie, Fla., Monty Wade of Franklin, Tenn., Gary Chamber of Edwardsburg, Mich., and Jerry Chambers of Fort Wayne; a nephew, Frank Wade of St. Clair Shore, Mich.; two nieces, Marcia Jahncke of New Orleans, La., and Linda Vidosh of St. Clair Shore; 15 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

A son, Fred Wade, preceded him in death.

Services are 11 a.m. June 9 at Fincastle United Methodist Church, LaFollette, Tenn., with Dr. David Lord officiating. Burial is 11 a.m. June 16 at Riverside Cemetery, Howe.

Memorials are to the Housecall Hospice Program or the church.

Arrangements are by Walters Funeral Home, LaFollette.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Zion United Baptist Church, Valentine, with the Rev. Russell Manns officiating.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Visitation will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, and Sunday after 4 p.m. at Zion United Baptist Church, where there will be a 7 p.m. evening service.

The following obituary is being rerun to provide additional information.

Ramona Slabaugh

WOLCOTTVILLE — Ramona J. Slabaugh, 70, died at 4:38 p.m. Thursday, May 31, 2001, at LaGrange Community Hospital in LaGrange.

She lived all her life in LaGrange County. She retired from Sealed Power Corp., LaGrange, having worked there from 1969-1984.

She was born July 23, 1930, in LaGrange County to David D. and Zelma L. (Firestone) Hart. On March 17, 1973, in Wolcottville, she married Perry D. Slabaugh, who preceded her in death July 30, 1997.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Herbert R. Jr. and Rhonda Levitz and Danny A. and Brenda Levitz, both of Angola; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Roselma and Bill Slone of Wolcottville, Marlene Levitz and Roberta and Charles Hill, all of LaGrange, Cynthia and Vernon L. Yoder of Howe and Carolyn and Danny Price of Topeka; a stepdaughter and her husband, Betsy and Harold Fannin of Morgantown; a stepson, Danny E. Slabaugh of Georgia; a brother, Teddy C. Hart of Stroh; 25 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Ina Swain

KENDALLVILLE — Ina M. (Uhl) Swain, 85, of Kendallville, died Friday, June 1, at 3:15 p.m. in Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home.

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Leah Grocock

LAOTTO — Leah F. Grocock, 93, died at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla on Friday, June 1, 2001, at 8:41 a.m.

Mrs. Grocock was a homemaker and had retired from the St. James Restaurant in Avilla. She was a lifetime LaOtto resident before moving to Provena Sacred Heart Home seven years ago.

The daughter of Ivan and Pearl (Birch) Huffman, she was born Aug. 26, 1907, in Columbia City.

She married Elmer G. Grocock on Oct. 16, 1923, in Churubusco. He died Dec. 15, 1983.

She is survived by three daughters, Bernadean "Bunny" Miller of Garrett, Margaret C. McNally of Anderson and Betty Sierra of Plano, Texas; three sons, Guy "Skeeter" Grocock of Avilla, Ira Grocock of Kendallville and Ray Grocock of Avilla; 15 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by one brother, Bernie Huffman; three sisters, Mildred Addis, Doris Huffman and Beulah Gaerte; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be at Eel River Cemetery in Huntertown.

Calling is Monday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to The Provena Sacred Heart Home Bus Fund.

Olivia Eck
Katrina Eck

BUTLER — Olivia L. Eck and Katrina J. Eck died Wednesday, May 30, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Olivia was stillborn and Katrina lived 1 hour and 20 minutes.

They are survived by their parents, Jimmie Dale and Angela Marie (Hickman) Eck; their grandparents, Jimmie Dale and Glenda Eck of Butler and Patricia and Mike Hickman of Ashley; and their great grandparents, Roy and Pauline Eck of Butler, Roland and Maribel Wegmann of Butler, and John and Bea Hickman of Spencerville.

Private graveside services are to take place today with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Butler Fire Department and Butler Community Day Care.

Arrangements were made by the Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

THE NEWS-SUN SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2001

Lois McDougall

AUBURN — Lois E. McDougall, 104, died Saturday, June 2, 2001, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. McDougall was a homemaker and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

She was born Jan. 7, 1897, in Cleburn County, Ark. to Jess and Mary (Blevins) Wideman.

She married Louis R. McDougall on June 9, 1917, in Auburn. He died in 1971.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Basil and Maris McDougall of Fort Wayne; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Geneva and Harley Sigler of Auburn, Demaris Rice of Farmer, Ohio, and Vada and Bill Albright of Waterloo; a sister, Clara Welch of Seattle; 13 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, two sisters and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn. The Rev. Thomas Vanselow will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Ina Swain

KENDALLVILLE — Ina M. Swain, 85, died at 3:15 p.m. Friday, June 1, 2001, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville. She had been ill since April 26.

She was a graduate of Kendallville High School and Ball State Teacher's College. She was a lifetime area resident. She taught first grade for 32 years — two years in Garrett, two years in Ligonier and the rest of that time in Kendallville. She was a member of First Christian Church, Kendallville; the Noble County Retired Teachers Association; and the Indiana Retired Teachers Association. She was a past member of BPW. She had lived at Shepherd of the Hill since 1993.

She was born Jan. 2, 1916, in Noble County to John and Emma (Wortinger) Uhl. On June 3, 1951, in Kendallville she married Robert Martin Swain, who preceded her in death Dec. 13, 1987.

Two sisters, Cora Hall and Bertha Newman, and one brother, Fred Uhl, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are three nieces, Veryle (Beiswanger) Weimer of Kendallville, Fern Belt of Sturgis, Mich., and Hazel Radant of Pennsylvania; a nephew, Richard Newman of Sturgis, Mich.; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Thomas Clothier officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill.

Phyllis Hart

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Phyllis J. Hart, 76, died just after midnight, Saturday, June 2, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient for the past week.

Mrs. Hart resided on North Main Street in Hicksville. She worked at Quisno's Plumbing and Heating in Antwerp, Ohio, as a bookkeeper for 18 years.

She was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church at Hicksville. She graduated from Antwerp High School with the class of 1942.

She was born Oct. 3, 1924, at Antwerp to Paul W. and Orpha (Shaw) Overmyer.

In 1942 at Greenup, Ky., she married Walter Hart. He survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Joyce Shadrach of Hicksville; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; one sister, Betty Pocratsky of Hicksville; and one brother, Donald Lee Overmyer of Bluffton, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Rex and Jack Overmyer; two sisters, Helen Overmyer and Doris Conner; one daughter, Beverly; a grandson, Kyle; and a great-grandson, Randy.

Services will be held Tuesday at 3 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home at Hicksville. The Rev. Tom Graves, pastor of Hicksville Trinity United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery at Hicksville.

Calling is Monday from 1-8 p.m. (Indiana time) at the funeral home.

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The following obituary is being reprinted to correct reporting errors.

Burnis Knox

KENDALLVILLE — Burnis Knox, 74, of Kendallville, died Thursday, May 31, 2001, at 8:30 p.m. at his residence. He had been ill for three months.

Mr. Knox

He resided in Kendallville for 47 years, coming from Kentucky. He was retired from Kendallville Iron & Metal as a truck driver for 12 years. Prior to that he worked for the Kendallville Street Department for 12 years and had been a foundry worker. He was a World War II Army veteran and was a member of the Kendallville VFW.

He was born Oct. 25, 1926, in Wayland, Ky., to Howard and Ada (Hicks) Knox.

On March 13, 1948, in Paintsville, Ky., he married Cleta Mae Manns, who survives.

Other survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Van and Rita Knox of Kendallville and Bill and Suzie Knox of Corunna; two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Danny Spencer and Sandra and Keith Holden, all of Kendallville; four sisters, Hettie Loucis of Garrett, Ky., Brenda Conley of Mississippi, and Hattie Hicks and Birdie Compton, both of Kendallville; three brothers, Ernest Knox, Arvin Knox and Arnold Knox, all of Kendallville; 12 grandchildren, Michelle Jaquay, Whittany Holden, Brad Knox, Matt Spencer, Tyler Knox, Erich Holden, Krystall Strock, Kylen Branham, Corey Spencer, Justin Knox, Alex Knox and Zach Holden; and eight great-grandchildren, Colton Jaquay, Allison Knox, Rieley Hobson, Don Strock, Jami Jaquay, Kayne Hobson, Reece Hobson and Clay Strock.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Sharon K. Branham, on Sept. 9, 1990; one sister, Maudie Cordial; and three brothers, Curtis Knox, Otis Knox and Anthony Knox.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Zion United Baptist Church, Valentine, with the Revs. Willie Collins and Russell Manns officiating.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Visitation will be today after 4 p.m. at Zion United Baptist Church, where there will be a 7 p.m. service.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

David Hoeppner

WOLCOTTVILLE — David A. Hoeppner, 58, died Thursday, May 31, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Fort Wayne native worked at Ingram Distribution for more than 10 years as a supervisor. He most recently lived in Wolcottville. He enjoyed fishing.

Surviving are his wife, Melinda L. Hoeppner; three daughters, Anita Mather, Roberta Carroll and Deborah Langin, all of Fort Wayne; a sister, Karen Theye of Cincinnati; seven grandchildren; and two stepgrandchildren.

A brother preceded him in death.

Services are 1:30 p.m. Monday at Hockemeyer and Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Howard Holcomb

FREMONT — Howard R. Holcomb, 74, of Fremont, died at 10:57 a.m. Saturday, June 2, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

In LaGrange on April 1, 1927, he was born to Lester and Edith (Krontz) Holcomb. He married Ruby Schlabach, who preceded him in death in 1994. In November 1995, he married Kathleen Stroh in Mongo.

He worked for the LaGrange County Highway Department for 10 years, and was retired as maintenance supervisor from the City of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Holcomb was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Surviving in addition to his wife are his mother, Edith Wise of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Donna Holcomb of LaGrange; a daughter, Mrs. Bill (Gwen) Bard of New Haven; a brother, Glen Holcomb of Bradenton, Fla.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A sister, Betty Combs, preceded him in death in 1974.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to East Springfield United Methodist Church or New Haven United Methodist Church.

Richard Marti

SOUTH MILFORD — Richard W. Marti, 69, of South Milford, died at 3:05 p.m. Sunday, June 3, 2001, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Wava Livelsberger

KENDALLVILLE — Wava D. Livelsberger, 86, died Saturday, June 2, 2001, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Livelsberger was a homemaker and former Butler resident. She graduated from Montpelier High School in Ohio in 1932.

She was born Aug. 8, 1914, in LaGrange to Lewis and Mary (Frick) Yost.

She married Wilford P. Livelsberger in November 1937 in Angola. He died in 1988.

Surviving her are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Keith B. Miller of Auburn, and JoAnn and Jerry Olinske of Angola; two grandchildren, Sarah Schmidt of Cromwell and Emily Carper of Auburn; and three great-grandchildren, Nickolus and Zackory Carper and Morgan Schmidt.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Waterloo Cemetery, with the Rev. Kathie Hostetter officiating.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **John A. Cain** were held at 10 a.m. today, June 4, 2001, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Active pallbearers were Tad Dekko, Stan Todd, Al Somerlot, Ryan Todd, Mitchell Todd, Brandon Bianski and Joel Bianski.

Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Services for **Helen Coleman** were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 2, 2001, at Five Corners Baptist Church, Wolcottville, with the Revs. Clarence Combs and Jimmy Collins officiating. Burial was in Gardens of Memory, Muncie.

Pallbearers were Robert McNeely, Shawn Sipes, Josh Mercer, Jason Mercer, Rick Phelps and Todd Herendeen.

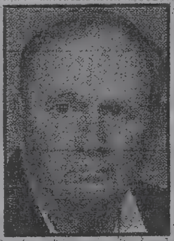
Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, was in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS-SUN TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2001

Richard Marti

SOUTH MILFORD — Richard W. "Dick" Marti, 69, died at 3:05 p.m. Sunday, June 3, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. He had been in failing health for six years.

The 1949 graduate of Avilla High School lived in South Milford for 34 years, moving from Cree Lake. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in the Korean War. He worked at Kraft Foods, Kendallville, for 35 years, retiring in November 1994. He was the caretaker of South Milford Cemetery from 1978 to 1988. He was a member of Kendallville American Legion Post 86 and St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville.


Mr. Marti

He was born Oct. 3, 1931, in Kendallville to Raymond and Alma (Hammel) Marti. On Oct. 3, 1959, in Kendallville, he married Gail S. Poyser, who survives in South Milford.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Brent Marti of Auburn and Kevin and Kim Blue Marti of Kendallville; two daughters and a son-in-law, Kathy and Tom Jackson of South Milford and Terry Jo Godfrey of South Milford; a sister, Doris Schlotter of Avilla; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Faith Marti of Kendallville; another sister-in-law, Eunice Marti of Garrett; and five grandchildren, Jeremiah Godfrey, Levi and Brian Jackson and Kasie and Cliff Meyer.

A brother, Don Marti, preceded him in death.

Services are 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Richard Lyth of South Milford United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be at South Milford Cemetery.

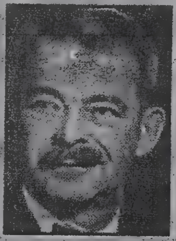
Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Noble County.

Charles Rhetts Jr.

GARRETT — Charles C. Rhetts Jr., 80, died Sunday, June 3, 2001, at 1:40 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Rhetts was an attorney and served as DeKalb County public defender for 23 years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion and the National Rifle Association. He lived in Garrett.


Mr. Rhetts

He was born Aug. 3, 1920, in Marion to Charles C. Rhetts Sr. and Elsia (Maxwell) Rhetts.

He married Rebecca B. Butterworth on Feb. 14, 1948, in Marion. She died Jan. 4, 1997.

Surviving him are one son, Chuck Rhetts of Rome City; two daughters, Leslie Lloyd of Clinton, Md., and Sue Miller of Garrett; one brother, George Rhetts of Marion; one sister, Harriet Wooldridge of Winfield, Kan.; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, in rural Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett Public Library.

Irene Belcher

KENDALLVILLE — Irene Belcher, 62, died at 3:25 a.m. today, Tuesday, June 6, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Mary Yutzy

GOSHEN — Mary Ellen Yutzy, 65, died at 4:25 p.m. Monday, June 4, 2001, at Goshen General Hospital, where she had been since May 26. She had been ill 1 1/2 years with cancer.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the Wayne Miller residence, 13267 Elkhart C.R. 36, Goshen, with Bishop Levi E.A. Bontrager and home ministers officiating. Burial will be at Southeast Clinton Cemetery, Millersburg.

Calling is after 3 p.m. today and all day Wednesday at her residence, 13183 Elkhart C.R. 36, Goshen.

A complete obituary will appear in Wednesday's edition of The News-Sun.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Burnis Knox** were 11 a.m. Monday, June 4, 2001, at Zion Baptist Church, Valentine.

The Revs. Willie Collins and Russell Manns officiated.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Pallbearers were Brad, Justin and Tyler Knox, Kylen Branham, Corey and Matt Spencer and Erich Holden.

Honorary pallbearers were Michelle Jaquay, Krystall Strock, Whittany and Zach Holden and Alex Knox.

Arrangements were by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Charles Keen

COLUMBIA CITY — Charles W.E. "Chuck" Keen, 50, died Sunday evening, June 3, 2001, at his Columbia City home.

Mr. Keen was a former Auburn resident, moving to Columbia City in 1976. He graduated from DeKalb High School in 1969 and attended Purdue University, where he studied entomology.

Mr. Keen

He worked at SWAT Team Pest Control in Columbia City for the past seven years full-time and for three years part-time. He also had worked at Penguin Point, Jimmie's Pizza, Burger Chef and Redman's Plumbing & Heating, all in Columbia City, and at Whitley Manufacturing in South Whitley.

He was a member of Columbia City American Legion Post 98 and attended St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church in Columbia City. He was a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps., serving during the Vietnam War from 1969 to 1971, specializing in the study of ammunition and demolition.

Mr. Keen was born Nov. 24, 1950, in Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett to Wayne L. and Charlotte A. (Ensign) Keen. His mother survives in Warsaw and his father preceded him in death.

He married Sue Ann Cornelius on March 25, 1972, in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Stacey N. and David Hinen, Trista M. and Jason Winterrowd, and Katrina K. and Randy Shelmadine, all of Columbia City; three sisters and one brother-in-law, Becky M. Bever of Leesburg, Jan and Don Hatton of Fort Wayne, and Nila K. Ward of Kendallville; and two grandchildren, Eric Kenneth Barrye Hinen and Haidyn Irene Hinen, both of Columbia City.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, with calling after 9 a.m. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne, with military graveside rites by Columbia City American Legion Post 98.

Additional calling is today from 2-8 p.m. in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with a rosary service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Pediatric Coronary Care Unit at Riley Hospital for Children.

Kayla Archer

WARSAW — Kayla Diane Archer, infant, died Saturday, June 2, 2001, at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Surviving are her parents, Kenneth and Miranda Archer of Warsaw; a half-brother, Trevor Archer of Pierceton; a half-sister, Shasta Archer of Cayuga; and her grandparents, Denzel and Mary Ann Archer of Cromwell, Robert and Ramona Peterson of Warsaw and Tom and Shelia Bridges of Marshall, Va.

Private graveside services will be at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Memorials are to Kosciusko Community Hospital in care of the Chaplaincy Family Resource fund, 2101 E. DuBois Drive, Warsaw.

Arrangements are by Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw.

Larry Dishong Jr.

FORT WAYNE — Larry E. Dishong Jr., 27, died Saturday, June 2, 2001, in Albion.

The Fort Wayne native was the washer and dryer operator at Betty Brite Cleaners.

Surviving are a son, Brandon Dishong of Fort Wayne; his parents, Kathy Dishong and Larry E. Dishong Sr., both of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Rita, Lisa and Kathleen Dishong, all of Fort Wayne; and three grandparents, Bernice and Harvey Nickelson and Bertha M. Smith, all of Bluffton.

Memorial Mass is 5 p.m. Thursday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 2120 S. Harrison St., Fort Wayne.

Calling is at the church an hour before services.

Memorials are to the family.

Arrangements are by D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Margaret Flood

FORT WAYNE — Margaret "Peg" Flood, 92, died Sunday, June 3, 2001, at Select Specialty Hospital.

The Columbus Grove, Ohio, native was a homemaker.

Surviving are a son, Michael T. Flood of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Nancy M. Wickliffe and Sally A. Schuster, both of Fort Wayne; a brother, William Kessler of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Edward T. Flood, preceded her in death in 1974.

Mass of Christian Burial is 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1910 Hale Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, and 9-10 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the church or Cancer Services of Allen County.

Irene Belcher

KENDALLVILLE — Irene Belcher, 62, died at 3:25 a.m. Tuesday, June 5, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She had been in failing health for several years and hospitalized for 11 days.

She lived in Kendallville for 45 years, coming to the city from Kentucky. She was a homemaker and attended the True Church of God in Jesus' Name, Kendallville. She had been at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville, for 1 1/2 years.

Mrs. Belcher

She was born June 9, 1938, in Rockfork, Ky., to Adolph and Nora (Bolen) Collins.

Surviving are a son, Donald Ray Lewis of Garrett; four daughters and a son-in-law, Mary Ann Stanley of Garrett, Kathy Sue Lewis and Faye L. Manns, both of Kendallville, and Jeannie and Billy Felder of Shipshewana; six sisters, Josephine Bailey of Montgomery, Mich., Mary Bolen of LaGrange, Betty VanHoozer of Wolcottville, Annie Kessler of Kendallville, Nannie McPherson of Garrett and Helen Criswell of Waterloo; two brothers, Ray Collins of Wolcottville and Roy Collins of Rome City; 10 grandchildren, Jason Stanley, Christopher and Brandon Knox, Angie Taylor, Renee Charles, Cassandra Sue Albright, Melissa Rae Clevinger, Chasita Ann Jeffers and Nathan Ray and Jonathon Ryan Wilcox; and 11 great-grandchildren.

A sister, Jeraldine Collins, and a brother, Sonny Collins, preceded her in death.

Services are noon Friday at Zion Baptist Church, Valentine, with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is after 4 p.m. Thursday at the church, with evening services there at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

Arrangements are by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Mary Yutzy

GOSHEN — Mary Ellen Yutzy, 65, died at 4:25 p.m. Monday, June 4, 2001, at Goshen General Hospital, where she had been since May 26. She had been ill 1 1/2 years with cancer.

She lived most of her life in the Goshen area. She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born June 20, 1935, in Goshen to Enos and Edna (Troyer) Troyer. Her mother survives in Millersburg. On April 16, 1959, in Goshen, she married Eli Yutzy, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Miriam and Mark Mast of Shipshewana, and Ruth and Wayne Miller of Goshen; nine sons and daughters-in-law, David and Freda Yutzy of LaGrange, Melvin and Ella Yutzy, Freeman and Dorene Yutzy and Glenn and Ruth Yutzy, all of Goshen, John and Elaine Yutzy, LaVern and Elnora Yutzy and Marion and Jean Yutzy, all of Middlebury, Ferman and Lorna Yutzy of Canada, and Eli Jr. and LeEtta Yutzy of Shipshewana; a sister and brother-in-law, Pauline and Levi Yoder of Millersburg; four brothers, Vernon Troyer of Goshen, Wayne Troyer of Topeka and Raymond and Gerald Troyer, both of LaGrange; and 44 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father on Feb. 6, 2000, and a grandson, Steven Yutzy.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the Wayne Miller residence, 13267 Elkhart C.R. 36, Goshen, with Bishop Levi E.A. Bontrager and home ministers officiating. Burial will be at Southeast Clinton Cemetery, Millersburg.

Calling is all day today at her residence, 13183 Elkhart C.R. 36, Goshen.

Arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Kyle Balyeat

FORT WAYNE — Kyle Balyeat, 12, died Monday, June 4, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Columbia City native was a fifth-grader at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his parents, Dan and Deb Balyeat of Fort Wayne; a sister, Jennifer Balyeat of Fort Wayne; a brother, Jonathon D. Balyeat of Fort Wayne; grandparents Buck and Val Buchanan of Columbia City; and grandfather and stepgrandmother Clifford and Charlene Balyeat of Albion.

Mass of Christian Burial is 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 10700 Aboite Center Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, and 10-11 a.m. Saturday at the church. A rosary will be said at 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kyle Balyeat Athletic Fund in care of Star Financial Bank.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Ina M. Uhl Swain** were 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 5, 2001, at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

The Rev. Thomas Clothier and Robert Farmer of First Christian Church, Kendallville, officiated.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Pallbearers were Lang, Lew and Lee Beiswanger, David Baker, Lauren Hanes and Roger Harshman.

Milford Richman

ALBION-Milford W. Richman, 94, died Tuesday, May 29, 2001, at Silverado Senior Living, Costa Mesa, Calif.

After graduating from Purdue University in 1931 and getting a master's degree in horticulture from Purdue in 1933, he worked with the Rural Electrification program in Indiana and Kentucky. Later he served several northeast Indiana communities as Purdue extension service agent. In 1943 he joined the Noble County Soil Conservation District. He was a member of the Lions Club and Asbury United Methodist Church, and a 50-year member at the Albion Masonic Lodge 97. He had lived in the Albion area for 68 years.

He was born Jan. 14, 1907, in Wanatah to Louis C. and Albertina (Hundt) Richman. On May 18, 1935, in Rolling Prairie, he married Ethelyn B. Morton, who preceded him in death April 27, 1994.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Marilyn and Paul Winslow of Farmington, Mich., and Marsha Rosenthal of Athens, Ga.; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Jean Richman of Huntington Beach, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday, June 2, 2001 at Asbury United Methodist Church, Albion. Burial will be at Union Mills Cemetery, Union Mills.

John Cart

LAGRANGE-John J. Cart, 80, died at 1:40 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

He was retired from the maintenance department of ANR Pipeline, LaGrange. He lived all his life in LaGrange County. He was a member of Valentine United Methodist Church and a veteran of the U. S. Marine Corps in World War II.

He was born Dec. 26, 1920, in Elkhart County to Lloyd A. and Goldie Marie (Clark) Cart. On Nov. 10, 1943, in Albion, he married Mildred Jean Parker, who preceded him in death Oct. 28, 1998.

Two sisters, Eloise Gall and Audrey Sparklin, and two brothers, Stanford and Edward Cart, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Roger Bauman of LaGrange; two sons, Dennis L. Cart of Jonesboro and Thomas J. Cart of Angola; five grandchildren; and three foster grandchildren.

Services were on Friday, June 1, 2001 at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange with the Rev. Titus Speicher Jr. officiating. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Memorials are to the church.

Ruth Duncan, 77

COLUMBIA CITY-Ruth E. Duncan, 77, died Saturday, May 26, 2001, at Whitley Memorial Hospital, Columbia City.

The Noble County native retired from Weatherhead after 10 years.

Surviving are a daughter, Jean Brown of Tri-Lakes, a son, Alan Duncan of Columbia City; a brother, John Flory of Albion; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Thomas E. Duncan, preceded her in death in 1999. Graveside services were Saturday, June 2, at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Arrangements were by Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco.

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A sister, Geraldine Collins, and a brother, Sonny Collins, preceded her in death.

Services are noon Friday at Zion Baptist Church, Valentine, with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is after 4 p.m. today at the church, with evening services there at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

Arrangements are by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Rosele Watson

AUBURN — Rosele May Watson, 69, died Monday, June 4, 2001, at 11 a.m. in her Auburn home. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Watson was born Jan. 15, 1932, in Noble County to William and Mergel (Gerver) Rimmel.

She married Ervin Watson on Sept. 4, 1950, in Garrett. He died in June 1984.

Surviving her are one son, Robert Watson of Auburn; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Gertrude and Jack Boyd of Colorado Springs, Colo., Deloris Watson of Colorado Springs, and Mary and Dewey Quinn of Auburn; one brother, Dick Rimmel of Hudson; one sister, Joan Warstler of Auburn; four grandchildren, Elizabeth Thomas, Emily Hecht, and Don and Tammy Quinn; and four great-grandchildren, Tina and Brittany Thomas, Andrew Goldenetz and Devin Quinn.

Services will be held Friday at 7 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 5 p.m.

Inurnment will be at a later date in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Bradley Barlow

ANGOLA — Bradley Adam Barlow, 18, died Tuesday, June 5, 2001, at 12:15 a.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a senior at Angola High School and lived all his life in Angola. He was born April 12, 1983, in Coldwater, Mich.

Surviving him are his father, Brent Barlow of Angola; a sister, Corinne of Bloomington; his grandparents, Thomas and Nancy Smith of Fremont, and Dr. Robert Barlow of Emigrent Gap, Calif.; and a step-grandmother, Doris Barlow of Shelbyville.

His mother, Connie J. Barlow, preceded him in death in 2000.

A memorial service will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in the Angola High School auditorium. Tim Seevers of the Pleasant View Church of Christ will officiate. Students will share in the service, which is open to family members and friends.

There will be no calling. Fellow students and friends are invited to bring cards or letters containing their memories to be given to the family at the service. The cards and letters will not be read aloud at the ceremony.

Memorials are to the Steuben County EMS.

Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS-SUN THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2001

Helen Fry

CROMWELL — Helen B. Fry, 79, died at 3 a.m. Wednesday, June 6, 2001, at home in Cromwell. She had been ill for five years, and seriously ill since January.

The lifetime resident of Noble County worked at Wirk Garment, Kellams Grocery Store and Family Fare, all in Ligonier. She enjoyed gardening.

She was born Aug. 2, 1921, in Noble County to Medley and Leona (Reed) McClure. In 1945 in Kimmell, she married Eli J. Fry, who survives in Cromwell.

Also surviving are two daughters, Kay Marie Johnson of Cromwell and Sue Ann McCoy of Portland, Ore.; two sons, Philip Lee Fry of Traverse City, Mich., and Steven Lynn Fry of Muncie; a sister, Ruth Clark of Ligonier; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Sarah Tuttle officiating. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

THE NEWS-SUN FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2001

Stella Charles

KENDALLVILLE — Stella Charles, 77, died at 9:35 a.m. Thursday, June 7, 2001, at home.

She was born Feb. 18, 1924, in Richmond to Edward and Ethel (Turner) Matthews. On June 26, 1943, in Norwalk, Ohio, she married Leonard E. Charles, who preceded her in death in January, 1969.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jean and Roger Powers of Corunna and Mary and Dave Rouch of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Len and Eileen Charles of Alta Loma, Calif.; two sisters, Thelma of Delta, Ohio, and Joan Gamble of Fitchville, Ohio; three brothers, Robert Matthews of Elyria, Ohio, Frank Matthews of Mansfield, Ohio, and Stanley Matthews of New Haven, Ohio; 16 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with the Revs. Ken Weaver and Zaundra Hicks officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

THE NEWS-SUN SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2001

Former Tri-State president Dr. J. Glenn Radcliff dies

ANGOLA — Dr. J. Glenn Radcliffe, 95, of Angola, died Thursday, June 7, 2001, at his home.

Mr. Radcliffe

Dr. Radcliffe devoted 73 years to Tri-State University, holding numerous positions there, including president. He retired as alumni director, and was serving as the first and only chaplain of the university.

On April 27, a conference room at Tri-State was dedicated to Dr. Radcliffe, and in May he was named a Sagamore of the Wabash by Indiana Gov. Frank O'Bannon.

He was a founder and the first minister of Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola. He preached in most of the county's churches and performed many marriages and funerals. He was a farmer for over 50 years in Steuben County.

He was a member of Angola Christian Church-Church of Christ, Fremont Masonic Lodge, York Rite, Scottish Rite - Valley of Fort Wayne, Mizpah Shrine Temple, Pokagon Shrine Club, Angola Chapter 78 of the Order of the Eastern Star, and the Angola Odd Fellows for 50 years.

He was born Oct. 31, 1905, in Tilene, Ky., to T.M. and Joann (Morris) Radcliffe.

He married Edna Chrysler on Aug. 3, 1929, and she preceded him in death Oct. 19, 1984.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, William and Nancy Radcliffe of Fremont; and two grandsons and a granddaughter-in-law, Ernest and Loubra Radcliffe of Angola, and Eric Radcliffe of Fremont.

A sister, Hallie Fisher, is deceased.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Angola Christian Church-Church of Christ, 500 W. Maumee St., with John Morin, Paul Grieser, Dr. Earl Brooks and the Rev. Robert Knowlton officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Community Foundation for the Dr. J. Glenn Radcliffe Scholarship for Tri-State University, Shriner's Children's Hospitals or the Woodburn Children's Home.

Services Held

VALENTINE — Services for **Irene Belcher** were held Friday at noon at Zion United Baptist Church in Valentine, with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Brandon Knox, Jason Stanley, Jonathon Willcox, Christopher Knox, Barry Harden, Billy Felder, Larry Handshoe, Bill Collins and Tom Collins.

Honorary pallbearers were Nathan Willcox, Kevin Rottger, David Hicks, Andy McPherson, Jack Chriswell, Jim Stokes and Bud Bolen.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Services were held Thursday, June 8, 2001, at 1:30 p.m. in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, for **Richard W. "Dick" Marti**. Burial will be at a later date at South Milford Cemetery.

Robert Davenport

WABASH — Robert Eugene Davenport, 79, of Wabash, died Thursday, June 7, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor East, Wabash.

Mr. Davenport was a construction worker for Davenport Construction in Wabash and a member of the Christ United Methodist Church and Hanna Masonic Lodge, both in Wabash. He was a World War II Navy veteran and a volunteer for the Wabash County Hospital Chaplains Service. He had lived in Rochester, Ligonier and Kendallville.

He was born March 23, 1922, in Wabash to Roscoe E. and Rose (Miller) Davenport. He married Mary Louise Polk in Wabash May 30, 1941, and she survives in Wabash.

Also surviving are two sons, Michael Davenport of Wabash and David Davenport of Fort Wayne; four grandsons, Robert Lawson of Kendallville, Scott Lawson of Ligonier, Keith Davenport of Wabash and Mark Davenport of Chicago; two sisters, Pauline Bowman of Muskegon, Mich., and Dorothy Ball of Arizona; a granddaughter, Pauline Bowman of Wabash; and six great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Karen Lawson, and three brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be Sunday, June 17, at 2 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church in Wabash, with the Rev. L. Michael Wilson officiating. Calling will be at the church Sunday from 1-2 p.m.

Memorials are to the church. Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service was in charge of arrangements.

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Alexander Kirby

SHIPSHEWANA — Alexander Michael Kirby was stillborn at 5:25 a.m. Thursday, June 7, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his mother, Barbara J. Kirby of Shipshewana; his grandparents, Jackie Kirby of Shipshewana and Raymond Kirby of Panama City, Fla.; his great-grandparents, Charles and Pauline Harris of Nottawa, Mich., and Ethel Kirby of Sturgis, Mich.; and a sister, Allison.

Graveside services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Lupold Cemetery in Shipshewana, with the Rev. Scott Carmer of Shipshewana United Methodist Church officiating.

Birdie Stidham

STURGIS, Mich. — Birdie Stidham, 69, of Sturgis, died Friday at 9:45 a.m. at her home.

Mrs. Stidham worked for Plyley's Candies and the LaGrange County Hospital. She moved to the Sturgis and LaGrange areas from Kentucky in 1958.

She was born Nov. 1, 1931, in Gunlock, Ky., to Archie and Mary Shephard. On June 22, 1957, in Martin, Ky., she married Russell M. Stidham, and her husband survives.

Also surviving are five sons and four daughters-in-law, Harvey and Karen Stidham of Howe, Victor and Vonda Stidham of Van Lear, Ky., Hager and Brandy Stidham of Vandalia, Mich., and Steve and Casey Stidham and Donald Stidham, all of Goshen; eight sisters; six brothers; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Leburn Combs officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery, Howe.

THE NEWS-SUN SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2001

Donna Jean West

LIGONIER — Donna Jean West, 51, of Ligonier, died at 11:10 p.m., Friday, June 8, 2001, at Oak Leaf Village. She had been afflicted with multiple sclerosis for about 20 years.

On June 17, 1949, in Wolf Lake, she was born to Max and Velma (Owen) Kiester. She married Gaylord "Gay" West on Sept. 18, 1971, in Ligonier. He survives.

She was a lifetime Noble County resident, and employed by Sam Patton Jr., CPA, Ligonier.

Mrs. West was a member of the West Noble High School Class of 1967, Ligonier United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women.

Surviving, in addition to her husband are: her mother, Velma Kiester, Kimmell; a daughter, Holly Lee, Ligonier; a stepson, Denny West, Pikesville, Ky.; a stepdaughter, Cindy Spain, Charolette, S.C.; a brother, Jim Kiester, Kimmell; two sisters, Judy Geiger and Joyce Beezly, both of Churubusco; and three step grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, at Ligonier United Methodist Church, Ligonier, with Rev. Jim Farrer officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. Monday, at the church.

Memorials are to the National Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Linda Ann Boger

AUBURN — Linda Ann Boger, 53, died Friday, June 8, 2001, at 5:30 p.m. in an accident in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Boger was a homemaker. She attended the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn and was very involved in her children's school activities.

She was born Dec. 14, 1947, in Auburn to Willis LeRoy Vogtman and Martha Fern (Croy) Vogtman.

She married Larry Boger on June 16, 1973, in Mount Zion Methodist Church in Pleasant Lake. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Brent Allen Boger of Auburn, and two daughters, Brenda Sue Boger and Beth Ann Boger, both of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Jimmy Vogtman.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Dale Williams will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Doris Snyder

FORT WAYNE — Doris M. Snyder, 94, died Thursday, June 7, 2001, in Auburn.

Mrs. Snyder was a homemaker. She lived in Albion from 1990 to 1996 and in Fort Wayne from 1996 to 2001.

She was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars 1421 Auxiliary and a Golden Eagle member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Paulding.

She was born Aug. 1, 1906, in Paulding County, Ohio.

Surviving are three sons, Namon Fogle Jr. of Valdosta, Ga., Lawrence Fogle of Auburn and Leslie D. Fogle of Lake St. Louis, Mo.; two daughters, Rose Stellhorn of New Haven and Karen Adams of Monroeville; two stepdaughters, Brenda Conn and Charlotte Hess, both of Roanoke; two sisters, Ida Mae Traucht of Lima, Ohio, and Florence Fisher of Payne, Ohio; a brother, Ralph Jack Williams of Scott, Ohio; 18 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and 19 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Ralph Cook; her second husband, Namon Fogle; her third husband, Alva Snyder; two sons, Hunter L. Hastings-Cook and Karl Fogle; and a daughter, Evelyn Mae Cook.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 IN 930 E, New Haven. Burial will be in Lehman Cemetery, Payne, Ohio.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home. A VFW service will be conducted there tonight at 7:30.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

THE NEWS-SUN MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2001

Kay Gordon

CHURUBUSCO — Kay A. Gordon, 63, of rural Churubusco, died Friday, June 8, 2001, at her residence.

An active member of the Whitley County Garden Club, Mrs. Gordon was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church. She spent her formative years in Churubusco, and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1956. She loved gardening and took great pride in her lawn and garden. She also spent all of her married life in the Churubusco area.

She was born April 11, 1938, to James A. "Mike" and Ilene E. McGuire Baker.

On Jan. 25, 1958, she married Jack A. Gordon, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Susan and Blake Lemish of Albion and Sharon Gordon of Dublin, Calif.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Gary A. and Connie Gordon of Churubusco and Gregg L. and Amy Gordon of Albion; her mother, Ilene E. Baker of Churubusco; a brother, Bill D. Baker of Churubusco; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father on Aug. 9, 1983.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials may be given to the donor's choice.

Joseph Warner

HUNTERTOWN — Joseph C. Warner, 76, of rural Huntertown, died Sunday, June 10, 2001, at 8 a.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mr. Warner had been in declining health for the past eight years, and had been taken to the hospital last week from Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, where he had been a patient since October. He moved to the Huntertown area as a child with his parents, and graduated from Huntertown High School in 1943. He was a lifelong resident of Allen County. He worked as a carpenter for 20 years at the former McCoy Lumber Co. in Churubusco. He retired in 1990 after 20 years as a custodian for Northwest Allen County School Corp. He also farmed in Eel River Township for most of his life. He was a member of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, east of Churubusco, and was a 50-year member of Huntertown Lodge 689, F&AM.

He was born Dec. 24, 1924, in Fort Wayne to Hollie and Mildred (Killian) Warner.

On June 8, 1946, he married G. Lorraine Price in Huntertown, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marsha and Jerome Dennison of rural Fort Wayne; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Gary J. and Sandra Warner of rural Fort Wayne, Paul H. and Teresa Warner of Huntertown, and Chris E. Warner of Huntertown; a sister, Roberta Spitler of Eaton, Ohio; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, James Warner, and an infant sister.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco. Memorial services will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday by the Huntertown Masonic Lodge in the funeral home. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church or Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Mary Hoover

ALBION — Mary K. Hoover, 76, of Albion, died today, June 11, 2001, at 1:45 a.m. in Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Kendallville.

Mrs. Hoover was a lifelong resident of Albion. She was retired from Essex Wire, Ligonier.

She was born July 13, 1924, in Jefferson Township in Noble County to Fred V. and Nellie M. (Eckles) Wells.

She married Delbert Hoover, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Gloria and Kenneth Koenig of Albion; two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Brenda Hoover of Albion and Dick and Rita Hoover, also of Albion; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by five brothers and three sisters, Jim, Keith, Harry, Vint and Charles Wells, and Bess Moore, Ethel Coe and Bea Snyder.

Service arrangements are pending with Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

Robert Davenport

WABASH — The News-Sun incorrectly reported the name of a granddaughter in an obituary Saturday for Robert Davenport, 79, of Wabash, who died Thursday, June 7, 2001.

His granddaughter's name is Shelly Neal of Wabash.

The News-Sun regrets the error.

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The following obituary is being reprinted with additional information supplied by the family.

Stella Charles

KENDALLVILLE — Services for Stella Charles, 77, who died Thursday, June 7, 2001 at 9:35 a.m. at her residence, were held today at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

The Rev. Zaundra Hicks officiated. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Tim Powers, Tom Powers, Malena Powers, Julie Powers, Brian Slone, Dave Rouch and Jeremy Slone.

Mrs. Charles was born Feb. 18, 1924, in Richmond to Edward and Ethel (Turner) Matthews.

On June 26, 1943, she married Leonard E. Charles in Norwalk, Ohio.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jean and Roger Powers of Corunna and Mary and Dave Rouch of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Len and Eileen Charles of Alta Loma, Calif.; two sisters, Thelma (last name unknown) of Delta, Ohio, and Joan Gamble of Fitchville, Ohio; three brothers, Robert Matthews of Elyria, Ohio, Frank Matthews of Mansfield, Ohio, and Stanley Matthews of New Haven, Ohio; 16 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Roy L. Charles; a daughter, Rose Charles Coy; a grandchild, Robert John Charles; four brothers and two sisters.

Max Dobbins

KENDALLVILLE — Max E. Dobbins, 79, died Sunday, June 10, 2001, in Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Home in Kendallville.

Mr. Dobbins was retired from Federal Gear & Safeguard, Kendallville, where he worked 25 years. He moved to Kendallville from Ligonier in 1933. He never married.

He was born April 18, 1922, in Syracuse to Evans "Huber" and Dessie M. (Gaff) Dobbins.

Surviving are two brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles A. and LaVon Dobbins of Fort Wayne and Everett and Marjorie Dobbins of New Carlisle; and a sister, Evelyn Zimmerman of Elkhart.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Rollie Sarver and Joel Reynolds officiating.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., and one hour prior to the service Wednesday in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Home or the donor's choice.

HE NEWS-SUN TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2001

Arnon Thomas

KENDALLVILLE — Arnon Thomas, 63, of Kendallville, died at 8:15 a.m. Monday, June 11, 2001, at Veteran's Administration Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He had been ill for an extended period of time, and became seriously ill April 11.

On June 16, 1937, in Knott County, Ky., he was born to Lee and Madie (Polly) Thomas, who preceded him in death in 1967 and 1971, respectively. He married Ruth Mae Wagner on Aug. 13, 1958, in Kendallville. She survives in Kendallville.

Mr. Thomas was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War from 1954 to 1957, a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749 and American Legion Post 86, and Fraternal Order of Eagles 985, all in Kendallville.

He retired from Mahoney Foundry in Kendallville after many years, and also worked for the Kendallville Police Department as a dispatcher and in auto body repair.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two daughters and a son-in-law, Joyce Hostetler of Kendallville, and Judy and Clayton Runyon of Ligonier; a brother, Billy Thomas of Garner, Ky.; five sisters, Lula Ousley of Flatwoods, Ky., Helen Fries of California, Ky., Pauline White of Cold Springs, Ky., Betty Hensley of Utica, Ky., and Sarah Zolia of Campton, Ky.; and four grandchildren, Clayton and Cory Runyon and Travis and Ashley Hostetler.

Two brothers, J.D. Thomas and Robert Thomas, preceded him in death in 1986 and 1991, respectively.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Birtchel Mosley Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett with military gravesite services performed by the Kendallville V.F.W. Post 2749.

Calling is Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to the services.

Memorials are to the Arnie Thomas family.

Mary Hoover

ALBION — Mary K. Hoover, 76, of Albion, died at 1:45 a.m. Monday, June 11, 2001, in Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Kendallville.

In Jefferson Township in Noble County on July 13, 1924, she was born to Fred V. and Nellie M. (Eckles) Wells. She married Delbert Hoover, who survives.

She was a lifetime Albion resident. She retired from Essex Wire in Ligonier and was a member of American Legion Auxiliary 246, Albion.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are a daughter and son-in-law, Gloria and Kenneth Koenig, Albion; two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Brenda Hoover, and Dick and Rita Hoover, all of Albion; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Five brothers, Jim, Keith, Harry, Vint and Charles Wells, and two sisters, Bess Moore and Bea Snyder Ethel Coe, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with the Rev. Eric Ball officiating. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cystic Fibrosis Association.

Ralph Smark

KENDALLVILLE — Ralph Smark, 86, of Kendallville, died at 10 p.m. Monday, June 11, 2001, at his residence.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

LIGONIER — Services for **Helen B. Fry**, 79, of Cromwell, were held Saturday, June 9, 2001, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Sarah Tuttle officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Pallbearers were Bobby McClure, John Glon, Matt Johnson, Josh Johnson, Rick Johnson and Dennis Fry.

THE NEWS-SUN WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2001

Ralph Smart

KENDALLVILLE — Ralph V. Smart, 87, of Kendallville, died at 10 p.m. Monday, June 11, 2001, at his residence.

In Attica, Ind., on March 29, 1914, he was born to Harvey and Eva (Shunkwaller) Smart. He married Berdena Miller on June 12, 1935, in Albion. She preceded him in death on Jan. 9, 1995.

He had been in failing health the past four months.

Mr. Smart was a retired roofing contractor, and a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses Church in Kendallville.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Gloria and Don Weimer, and Connie and Jerry Honey, all of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Cindy Smart of Syracuse; a daughter-in-law, Betty Smart of Auburn; a brother, Jim Smart of Sacramento, Calif.; five grandsons, Don Weimer of Fort Wayne, Mark Gibson of Topeka, Thaddeus Smart and Jared Smart, both of Syracuse, and Randy Gibson of Kendallville; three granddaughters, Cindy Fike of Wolcottville, Dawn McDonald of Millersburg, and Tracy Pulliam of Syracuse; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Jim Charles officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Brushy Prairie Cemetery, rural LaGrange.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

Jean Ferguson

LIGONIER — Jean E. Ferguson, 76, of Ligonier, formerly of Cromwell, died at 5 p.m. Monday, June 11, 2001, in Miller's Merry Manor, Syracuse.

She had been in declining health the past few weeks.

In Kentucky she was born on May 1, 1925. On Oct. 25, 1952, in Chicago, she married Louis Ferguson, who preceded her in death in 1982.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed quilting and sewing.

Surviving are a son, James Ferguson of Cromwell, and a grandchild, Eddie Torrez.

A daughter, Wanda, and a sister preceded her in death.

Following cremation, a graveside committal service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

There is no calling.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

LIGONIER — Services for **Donna J. West**, 41, of Ligonier, were held Tuesday at Ligonier United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jim Farrer officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Pallbearers were Sam Patton, Richard Brown, Carl Kavanaugh, Roger Stahly, Rick Smith and Ed Miller.

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Mary K. Hoover

ALBION-Mary K. Hoover, 76, died at 1:45 a.m., Monday, June 11, 2001 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

She was born on July 13, 1924 in Jefferson Township in Noble County, IN to Fred V. and Nellie M. (Eckles) Wells both deceased. Mary was the widow of Delbert Hoover. She was a lifetime Albion resident and had retired from Essex Wire in Ligonier. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary #246 in Albion.

Surviving are one daughter, Gloria and her husband Kenneth Koenig; two sons, John and his wife Brenda Hoover and Dick and his wife Rita Hoover all of Albion; six grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by five brothers: Jim Wells, Keith Wells, Harry Wells, Vint Wells and Charles Wells; three sisters, Bess Moore, Bea Snyder and Ethel Coe.

Services will be held on Wednesday, June 13, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. with the Rev. Eric Ball officiating. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Preferred memorials are to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Kay Gordon, 63

CHURUBUSCO -- Kay A. Gordon, 63, a resident of rural Churubusco, died unexpectedly Friday evening, June 8, 2001, at her residence.

Born April 11, 1938, a daughter of James A. "Mike" and Ilene E. McGuire Baker, she spent her formative years in Churubusco and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1956.

She was married in Churubusco on January 25, 1958 to Jack A. Gordon, and spent all of her married life in the Churubusco area.

An active member of the Whitley County Garden Club, she was also a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church.

The surviving relatives include her husband, Jack; two daughters, Susan (Mrs. Blake) Lemish of Albion, and Sharon Gordon of Dublin, Calif.; two sons, Gary A. (wife Connie) Gordon of Churubusco, and Gregg L. (wife Amy) Gordon of Albion; her mother, Ilene E. Baker of Churubusco; a brother, Bill D. Baker of Churubusco; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father on August 9, 1983.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating.

Interment was in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the donor's choice.

Mildred Schultz

BREMEN -- Mildred H. Schultz, 79, of 3765 Lake Shore Dr., Bremen died at her residence 8:40 a.m. Sunday, June 10, 2001.

Mildred was the daughter of Paul H. and Lillie (Vierk) Schultz and moved to the Lake of the Woods area from Lansing, Il in 1979. She was born June 24, 1921, at Hammond, IN.

She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bremen, the Koinonia of the church, Wednesday 1:30 p.m. Bible Study Class, and volunteer at the St. Paul's Lutheran School.

On February 14, 1942 at Lansing, IL she married Albion (Al) Schultz and he survives along with two daughters, Janet (Jim) O'Boyl, Henderson, NV and Carol (Jim) Coy, Wenona, IL and five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mildred was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Marvin and a grandson, Patrick.

Services will be today at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bremen. Pastors Roger Rohde and Neil Wonnacott, ministers of the church, will officiate.

The family requests memorials be given to the church.

Serving the family is L.K. Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2001 THE NEWS-SUN

Josephine Troyer

GOSHEN — Josephine Troyer, 93, of Goshen, formerly of Middlebury, died at 12:49 a.m. Wednesday, June 13, 2001, at Goshen General Hospital.

On Jan. 12, 1908, in New Haven, she was born to Peter P. and Barbara (Schwartz) Schwartz. On June 26, 1938, she married Harvey D. Troyer. He preceded her in death on Feb. 1, 1960.

Mrs. Troyer

She was a homemaker, a member of First Mennonite Church, Middlebury, worked several years in the cafeteria at Middlebury Elementary School and spent most of her life in Middlebury.

Surviving are a daughter, Dorthelda Eichorn of Sturgis, Mich.; four sisters, Barbara (Mrs. Ora) Miller of Middlebury, Lovina Stauffer of Centerville, Mich., Ann Schwartz of Sturgis, Mich., and Rebecca (Mrs. Irvin) Delagrange of Woodburn; two brothers, Peter P. Schwartz and Jacob P. Schwartz, both of Sturgis, Mich.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A brother, John Schwartz; two sisters, Lizzie Eicher and Mary Helmuth, and a grandson, Darrell Lee Eichorn, all preceded her death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at First Mennonite Church, Middlebury, with the Rev. Linford Martin of the church officiating. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka.

Calling is 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the church in Middlebury.

Memorials are to the family.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Max E. Dobbins** were held Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with Rollie Sarver and Joel Reynolds officiating.

Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Active pallbearers were Robert Tomlinson, John Myers, Ralph Myers, Clarence Hull, Dwight Myers and Kelly Riehm.

Roger Hoversland and Robert Myers were honorary pallbearers.

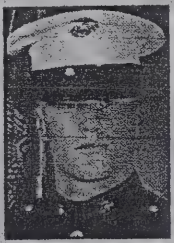
Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, was in charge of arrangements.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2001 THE NEWS-SUN

Christopher Lair

SAN DIEGO — Sgt. Christopher R. Lair, 21, Camp Pendleton, Calif., died in a civilian aircraft crash near San Diego, Calif. on Friday, May 18, 2001.

On May 10, 1979, in Wheatridge, Colo., he was born to John R. and Linda K. (Benson) Lair. His mother preceded him in death at childbirth. His father then married Pamela Ann (Sawyer) Lair in 1982.


Mr. Lair

Sgt. Lair was a 1997 Grand Valley High School graduate, and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in August 1997. He was a crew chiefin VMLA-169, a Huey/Cobra helicopter squadron stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

He had been promoted to sergeant on May 1, 2001.

During his enlistment, Lair had been awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Sea Service Deployment Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal and Navy Achievement Medal.

Surviving, in addition to his father and step-mother, are: a brother, Ryan T. Lair, of Parachute, Colo.; maternal grandmother, Irene M. (Sawyer) Ueber, Wolcottville; paternal grandmother, Pearl Lair, Emmons, Minn.; maternal grandmother, Norma Benson, Houston, Minn.; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services with military honors were held Friday, May 24, at Grace Bible Church, Spencer Parkway, Battlement Mesa, Calif. Graveside military services were at Battlement Mesa Cemetery.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of local arrangements.

Roger Covell

ONAWAY, Mich. — Roger Ralph Covell, 65, of Onaway, Mich., a former Kendallville resident, died Thursday, June 14, 2001, in Northern Michigan Hospital, Petoskey, Mich.

On June 7, 1936, in Cheboygan, Mich., he was born to Ralph and Delema (Preedhomme) Covell. He married Jordan Dixon on June 27, 1997, in Cheboygan.

He lived in Kendallville from 1974 to 1997 before returning to the Onaway area.

Mr. Covell was a foreman at No Sag in Kendallville and retired in 1997. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge and Moose Lodge, and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are: a daughter, Mrs. Joe (Renee) Richardson, Angola; a son, Rick Covell, Kendallville; two step-sons, Jeff and Todd Brasseur, Tower, Mich.; and a step-daughter, Kristi Redick, Tower, Mich.

His first wife preceded him in death in 1978, and his parents also preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. (EDT) Tuesday, June 19, 2001, at the Chagnon Funeral Home Chapel, 20742 State, Onaway, Mich. with Elder Jim Morgan officiating. Burial will be in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Tower, Mich.

Calling is from 5 to 9 p.m. (EDT) Monday, June 18, 2001, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Roger Covell family.

Mary Morgan

LOUISVILLE, KY. — Mary Jane (Kaufman) Morgan, 81, died Saturday, May 19, 2001, in Louisville, Ky.

Born in Kendallville on April 27, 1920, she was the daughter of Frank and Veda Kaufman. Her father, who preceded her in death, was a longtime pharmacist and owner of the former Central Drug Store, 124 S. Main St., Kendallville.

In 1942 she married William F. Morgan, who survives. He is a published author of short stories.

She was a 1938 Kendallville High School graduate and attended Columbia College of Radio and Drama in Chicago. She was program director for WCAR in Pontiac, Mich.

Mrs. Morgan and her husband worked for many years in radio in Detroit and San Antonio, Texas. In 1977 they moved to Red Springs, N.C. and purchased a radio station. They retired in 1987.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are: a daughter Mrs. Nick (Pamela) Alexander, Bradenton, Fla.; a son, James Morgan, Colorado Springs, Colo.; two grandchildren, Lilith Jane Morgan and Delphine Morgan, both of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and a brother, Phil Kaufman, London, England.

Memorial services were held in Louisville on May 22, 2001. Graveside services and burial was on June 9, 2001, at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

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Kenneth Newell

PORTLAND, Ind. — Kenneth J. Newell, 83, died Sunday morning, June 10, 2001, in Jay County Hospital.

He retired in 1980 from New Idea in Coldwater, Ohio, and was engaged in farming. He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church, Jay Lodge 87, F.&A.M., Scottish Rite, Shrine, Order of Eastern Star 111, Fort Recovery Masonic Lodge 539 and Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department. He lived in Portland.

Mr. Newell was born Oct. 20, 1917, in Tracey, Minn., to James Newell II and Sadie (Rassmussen) Newell.

He married Emma Lucille Mitchell on July 29, 1939, and she died June 30, 1979.

He married Eileen Hartzell on Aug. 9, 1980, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Kenneth Newell Jr. of Portland; three daughters and sons-in-law, Sue and Allen Hilfiker of Portland, Betty and Jack Gibson of Hamilton, and Cheryl and Lance Wise of Ligonier; one stepson, Roger Hartzell of Portland; one stepdaughter and her husband, Beth and Larry Landon of Portland; four sisters, Elsie England of Anderson, Leona Leban of Ashville, N.C., Hazel Witham of Anderson and Delores Murphy of Benson, Ariz.; nine grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one stepgreat-grandchild.

Services were held Wednesday in Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, Portland, with Pastor Keith Olson officiating. Burial was in Salamonia Cemetery.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Nondus Tolin

ANGOLA — Nondus H. Tolin, 87, of Angola and formerly of Yorktown, died Wednesday, June 13, 2001 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Tolin was a homemaker and a graduate of Ball State Teachers College.

She was born Aug. 30, 1913, in Gas City to Ray and Dawn (Somers) Heal.

On Feb. 18, 1933, she married Joe E. Tolin. He died May 27, 1988.

Two daughters, Mickie Franklin and Patricia Freeman, a brother, Frank Heal, and a sister, Ruth Murray, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two grandsons, John G. Franklin of LaGrange and Joe W. Freeman of Elkhart; three granddaughters, Pamela S. Barnhouse of Winchester, Shirley L. Thomas of Angola and Rebecca Herl of Fremont; a sister, Jean Click of Fowlerton; and eight great-grandchildren.

There will be no services or visitation. Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Marti

SOUTH MILFORD — Graveside services for Richard W. "Dick" Marti, who died Sunday, June 3, 2001, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 16, 2001, at South Milford Cemetery, South Milford, with the Rev. Richard Lyth officiating.

Kendallville V.F.W. Post 2749 will conduct military rites.

Virginia Summers

GARRETT — Virginia M. Summers, 86, died Thursday, June 14, 2001, at 9:50 a.m. in Dupont Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Summers worked in assembly at Rieke Corp. in Auburn for 35 years, retiring in 1975. She lived on South Cowen Street in Garrett.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, its rosary society and Daughters of Isabella, and the Garrett Historical Society.

She was born May 11, 1915, in Garrett to Warren and Bessie (Comadoll) Royer.

She married Frank H. Summers on June 26, 1940, in Garrett. He died April 2, 1978.

Surviving her are one daughter, Patricia Bender of Albion; one son, Michael L. Summers of Avilla; two brothers, Maurice Royer of Bonita Springs, Fla., and Donald Royer of Willard, Ohio; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to masses.

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Sharon Menier

CORUNNA — Sharon Menier, 52, died Thursday, June 14, 2001, at 2:30 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a bank official at Wells Fargo Bank in Auburn for 28 years. She was a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo, Auburn Moose Lodge, Butler Eagles Lodge and Northeastern CB Club.

She was born July 14, 1948, in Auburn to Sherman Edward and Marie (Fike) Crossley. Her mother survives at Story Lake, Corunna, and her father preceded her in death in 1968.

Surviving her are one son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Belinda Menier of Kendallville; and three grandchildren, Lakin, Tisha and Gabrielle Menier.

A brother, Larry Earl Crossley, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo, with the Rev. Ernie Kohlmyer officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the family.

THE NEWS-SUN SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2001

Paul Barcus, 75, former Noble County prosecutor, dies

SEBRING, Fla. — Paul A. Barcus, Noble County's first full-time prosecutor and longtime Albion attorney, has died at his home in Sebring, Fla. He was 75.

Mr. Barcus

Mr. Barcus served in the U.S. Marines in World War II and the Korean conflict. He moved in 1968 from Houston, Tex., to Albion, where his parents had been born and raised.

He was elected Noble County prosecutor in 1970 after defeating Howard Grimm Jr. in the primary election and running unopposed in the general election. Four years later he was defeated in his bid for re-election by Democrat G. David Laur, who is today the judge of the Noble County Circuit Court.

"He was a dedicated prosecutor," said Laur, who also defeated Barcus in the 1978 election.

On a personal level, Laur said, "Paul was the most wonderful man. We were good friends. We lived across the street from each other."

Barcus was born in Auburn and resided in Albion from 1968 to 1995, when he retired and moved to Sebring, Fla. He also served as attorney for the county welfare department.

He was a member of the American Bar Association, Lions Club of Albion, and American Legion Post 25 in Lake Placid, Fla.

He is survived by his wife Helen, of Sebring, and two children, Patti Jo Barcus of Sebring and Douglas Barcus of Albion. Other survivors include a brother, Frank Barcus of Tarpon Springs, Fla., and two grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, June 23. Services will be held at St. Mark's beginning at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 24.

Former LaGrange recorder Nancy Mellinger dies at 56

LAGRANGE — Nancy L. Mellinger, 56, died Thursday, June 14, 2001, at 8:45 p.m. in her home in LaGrange.

Mrs. Mellinger

The former LaGrange County Recorder lived all her life in LaGrange County. She was a member of the LaGrange Business and Professional Women and the Republican Women's Club, and was very active in the LaGrange County Republican party.

Mrs. Mellinger was born in LaGrange on June 17, 1944, to James D. Schermerhorn and Ruth E. (Hamilton) Brown. Both are deceased. She married James D. Mellinger in LaGrange on Aug. 20, 1966, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter in-law, Randolph J. and Janine Mellinger of LaGrange, and Anthony E. Mellinger of Cleveland, Ohio; and two grandchildren, Mickaela and Erik Mellinger.

A sister, Sondra E. Hetchler, preceded her in death on July 16, 1998.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Brian J. VanOsdol officiating.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday in the funeral home.

Memorials to the LaGrange Church of God or Partnership for Life.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Arnon Thomas** were held At 11 a.m. Thursday, June 14, 2001, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Rev. Birtchel Mosley officiating.

Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Active pallbearers and Kendallville V.F.W. Post 2749 members were: Gerald McHenney, Tom Mortimore, Dick Yanusezeski, Harley Dyer, Jack Kurtz and Don Miller. Rusty Fries was the bugler.

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Kathleen Harrold

FORT WAYNE — Kathleen R. Harrold, 78, died Friday, June 15, 2001, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Avilla and was a homemaker, a member of the North Highland Church of Christ, American Legion of Garrett and Women of the Moose Chapter 261 and a Teamsters Retiree.

Surviving are daughter, Vonda Roop of Fort Wayne; a son, Larry D. Harrold of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Keith Berkes and Allen Berkes, both of Fort Wayne, and Deloice Zimmerman of Warsaw; one sister, Delores Hyde of Warsaw; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Joe Harrold, preceded her in death in 1987.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to the North Highland Church of Christ.

Phyllis Conner

STROH — Phyllis R. Conner, 74, died Friday, June 15, 2001, in her home in Stroh.

She was born in Allen County on Dec. 25, 1926, to Paul and Bessie Marie (Boren) Freeman. She married Howard Conner on Nov. 23, 1946, and he died July 16, 1993.

Mrs. Conner lived in Stroh for more than 50 years. She was a Leo High School graduate, a member of the Stroh Church of Christ and the Stroh Firemen Women's Auxiliary. She was a former member of the Prairie Heights Community Schools PTA, and made uniforms for the high school band. She was a volunteer for several organizations in LaGrange County and taught Sunday School for many years.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Steve Keeslar of Hamilton, Joyce and Bob Getts of Carmel and Kathy and Ronald Bruce of Kendallville; one son, Timothy Conner of Albion; three sisters, Laura Rosenbury of Butler, Helen Shutt of Auburn and Betty Lemper of Carthage, N.C.; one brother, Jack Freeman of Pine Island, Fla.; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson, with her brother-in-law, the Rev. Eugene Woolever, officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery in rural Stroh.

Calling is Saturday from 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials to the Stroh Lions Club.

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Kathleen Harrold

FORT WAYNE — Kathleen R. Harrold, 78, died Friday, June 15, 2001, at Parkview Hospital.

An Avilla native, she was a homemaker and a member of Garrett American Legion, Women of the Moose Chapter 261 and Teamsters Retirees. She was also a member of North Highland Church of Christ.

Survivors include one daughter, Vonda Roop of Fort Wayne; one son, Larry D. of Fort Wayne; one sister, Delores Hyde of Warsaw; three brothers, Keith and Allen Berkes, both of Fort Wayne and Deloice Zimmerman of Warsaw; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Joe, preceded her in death.

Services are Tuesday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road.

Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m., Monday, at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church.

Kathryn Vorndran

LIGONIER — Kathryn L. "Kay" Vorndran, 90, died Friday, June 15, 2001, at her residence of natural causes, although her death was unexpected.

She was born in Hamilton on Feb. 16, 1911, to Waldo W. and Ethel M. (Teeter) Miller.

She lived in the area for 49 years, coming from Wolf Lake. She had been employed by Sheppard's Restaurant, Kellams Foodtown and Ligonier Laundromat.

Surviving are one son, William H. "Bill" Vorndran, Ligonier; one grandson, Shawn R. Vorndran, Kansas City, Mo.; one granddaughter, Deedra N. Vorndran, Cincinnati, Ohio; and one half-brother, Clinton Miller, Anaheim, Calif.

A daughter, Ethel Marie, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Father Dale Bauman officiating.

Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial is in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Kazimierz Kolodziejczak

KNOX — Kazimierz Kolodziejczak, 69, died Monday, June 4, 2001.

He was retired from U.S. Steel after 25 years of service, and was an avid fisherman.

Surviving are one daughter, Kristine (Bob) Hendrickson of Kouts, formerly of Munster; one son, John (Susan) Kolodziejczak of Avilla; two brothers, Stanley (Janina) Kolodziejczak, Kouts, and Ted (Janina) Kolodziejczak, Merrillville; and his grandchildren, Elizabeth, Maxwell and Caraline Kolodziejczak and Ryan and Michael Hendrickson.

His parents preceded him in death.

Services were held Monday, June 11, at the chapel of Stilinovich and Wiatrolik Funeral Home, Merrillville, with Father Edward Kawa officiating.

Burial followed at Calumet Park Cemetery.

THE NEWS-SUN MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2001

Amos Bontrager

WOLCOTTVILLE — Amos W. Bontrager, 78, died at 9 p.m. Saturday, June 16, 2001, at his home in rural Wolcottville.

He was a farmer and carpenter who lived all his life in LaGrange County. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born April 19, 1923, in LaGrange County to William L. and Mattie (Yoder) Bontrager. On Feb. 15, 1945, in LaGrange County he married Wilma Miller, who survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Etta and Harley Schlabach of Arthur, Ill., Martha and Norman Hochstetler of Charlotte, Mich., Orpha and Levi Eash of Wawaka and Wilma and Paul Bontrager of Ligonier; five sons and daughters-in-law, Marvin and Betty Bontrager of Wolcottville, Orla and Sadie Bontrager of Rome City, William and Barbara Bontrager of Topeka, Wilbur and Norma Bontrager of Dalton, Wis., and Vernon and Sara Bontrager of Markenson, Wis.; 69 grandchildren; and 47 great-grandchildren.

Surviving also are eight sisters, Mary Schrock of Shipshewana, Ella Yoder of Dalton, Wis., Polly Schrock and Emma Smucker, both of LaGrange, Ida Bontrager and Amelia Stutzman, both of Clark, Mo., Susie Lambright of Orlean and Mattie Graber of Seymour, Mo.; and three brothers, Levi Bontrager of Shipshewana, Ezra Bontrager of Wolcottville and Abe Bontrager of Dalton, Wis.

A grandson, two sisters and two brothers preceded him in death.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the family home, 1035W LaGrange C.R. 700S, with Bishop Freeman L. Hochstetler and the Rev. Lester C. Hochstetler officiating. Burial will be at Clearspring Cemetery, Topeka.

Calling is this afternoon and all day Tuesday at the family home.

Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Tillie Keck

KENDALLVILLE — Tillie Keck, 83, died Sunday, June 17, 2001, at 6:45 p.m. Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral home, Kendallville.

Dorothy Kimes

FOSTORIA, Ohio — Dorothy Ann Kimes, 79, a long-time Angola resident who retired in Deland, Fla., died Saturday, June 16, 2001, at 8:10 a.m. at the Good Shepherd Nursing Home in Fostoria, Ohio.

Mrs. Kimes was a homemaker and a member of the DeLeon Springs United Methodist Church in DeLeon, Fla. She was a 1939 graduate of Spencerville High School in DeKalb County.

She was born Oct. 24, 1921, in DeKalb County to Terry and Pearle (Hoffman) Worman.

On May 3, 1940, she married Charles E. Kimes in Fort Wayne. He died Sept. 8, 1997.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Eloise and Gary Knox of Fostoria; a son, Elery Kimes of Belleville, Texas; three brothers, George Worman of Coldwater, Mich., Lewis Worman of Albion and Richard Worman of Butler; a sister, Betty Laux of Winslow, Ariz.; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Mary Ann Kimes, a brother, Wayne Worman, and a sister, Cora Bauman, also preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. (Indiana time) at Harrold-Floriana Funeral Home in Fostoria, with the Rev. Jeff Raker and the Rev. Alan Sandford officiating.

Calling is tonight from 6-8 and Tuesday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Deland Memorial Gardens in Deland, Fla. Memorials are to DeLeon Springs United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 807, DeLeon, FL 32130-0807.

Scott Crawford

KENDALLVILLE — Scott Crawford, 34, died Sunday morning, June 17, 2001, in a motorcycle accident in Huntington County.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Elfie Opliger

ANGOLA — Elfie Mae Opliger, 85, of Angola, died Saturday, June 16, 2001, in Angola.

Mrs. Opliger was a business owner and a member of Pleasant Lake Baptist Church.

She was born July 15, 1915, in Paulding, Ohio, to Castor and Caroline (Vittung) Tindall.

Surviving are a daughter, Cindy Means of Angola; two sisters, Martha Camp of Fort Wayne and Mable Heine of Wawaka; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three husbands, Johnie Henninger, John W. Thrush and Clyde R. Opliger; a son, Johnie Michael Henninger; a daughter, Karolena Jean Penick; four brothers, Clarence, Doyt, Kenneth and Paul Tindall; two sisters, Mary Lockhart and Alma Brown; and one grandson.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. George Foulk officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church.

Carnie Mae Pippenger

COLUMBIA CITY — Carnie Mae Pippenger, 88, died at 9:05 p.m. Sunday, June 17, 2001, at Hickory Creek Health Care Center, Columbia City, after an extended illness.

She was a former resident of Green Township, Noble County.

Among survivors are four daughters, Esther Anderson and Dorcas Pressler, both of Churubusco, Ruth Pressler of Columbia City and Naomi Coats of Fort Wayne; and five sons, Jim, Philip, David and Teddy L. Pippenger, all of Churubusco, and Dan Pippenger of Gibsonton, Fla.

Her husband, Ted Pippenger, preceded her in death Jan. 19, 1987.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

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Kenneth Parsell

PLEASANT LAKE — Kenneth Duane Parsell, 54, died Monday, June 18, 2001, at 2:20 p.m. in his Pleasant Lake home.

He worked at Edgerton Metals in Edgerton, Ohio, for over 20 years. He also worked at the Ford garage in Angola, as a truck driver, and at Ashley Hardware and Flush Door.

He was a 1966 graduate of Prairie Heights High School and lived most his life in Hamilton. He was associated with the congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses in Fremont. He was an avid wood craftsman.

Mr. Parsell was born Nov. 30, 1946, in Hudson. His mother, Princess (Kline) Parsell, preceded him in death in 1972. His father and stepmother, Glenn and Mildred (Shively) Parsell, survive.

Also surviving him are his former wife, Jonna (Sutton) Vingoe of Hamilton; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Joshua Lee and Kymberlie Parsell of Fremont, and Travis Dean Parsell of Flint, Ind.; one daughter, Tracy Ann Parsell of Yorktown; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Ellen Parsell of Martinsville, and John Richard and Margaret Parsell of Waterloo; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Glenda and James McClellan of Ashley, Marilyn and William McClellan of Hudson, Kathleen and Chris Cretsinger of Pleasant Lake, and Karen and Randy Mills of Pleasant Lake; 17 nieces and nephews, 19 great-nieces and great-nephews; and one great-great-niece.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with speaker Kevin Stayner officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling is Wednesday from 8-10 a.m. and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Carnie Pippenger

COLUMBIA CITY — Carnie Mae Pippenger, 88, died at 9:05 p.m. Sunday, June 17, 2001, at Hickory Creek Health Care Center, Columbia City, after an extended illness.

Mrs. Pippenger

She spent her formative years in the Green Township, Noble County area. She was a homemaker who enjoyed fishing, gardening and cooking. She spent all her married life in the Green Center area and was affiliated with Green Center United Methodist Church.

She was born Jan. 28, 1913, in Green Township to James and Ocie (Herendeen) Heron. On Nov. 27, 1927, in Kentucky she married Ted Pippenger, who preceded her in death Jan. 19, 1987.

A son, Paul Pippenger, two grandsons, Monte Pippenger and Doug Pressler, and a great-grandson, John Pressler, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Esther Anderson and Dorcas and Donald J. "Tod" Pressler, all of Churubusco, Ruth Pressler of Columbia City and Naomi and Paul Coats of Fort Wayne; five sons and daughters-in-law, Jim and Carolyn Pippenger, Philip and Norma Pippenger, David and Linda Pippenger and Teddy L. and Terry Pippenger, all of Churubusco, and Dan and Linda Pippenger of Gibsonton, Fla.; a sister, Irene Diffendarfer of Fort Wayne; 32 grandchildren; 57 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets Funeral home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Paul D. White of Churubusco Church of the Nazarene officiating. Burial will be at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Gideons International or the Green Township Community Center.

Tillie Keck

KENDALLVILLE — Tillie I. Keck, 83, died at 6:45 p.m. Sunday, June 17, 2001, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center, where she has lived since February 1997.

She was a homemaker and attended the Church of the Nazarene.

She was born Feb. 25, 1918, in the Kendallville-Noble County area to John M. and Minnie (Shultz) Leitch.

Surviving are a daughter, Marilyn Mills of Bea, Va.; a son, Charles Bruce Keck of Rome City; two brothers, Don Leitch of Kendallville and Bob Leitch of Kissimee, Fla.; two sisters, Cleo Harter of Fort Wayne and Laura Herendeen of Bronson, Mich.; 12 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Kenneth L. Keck, on May 30, 1992; a daughter, Judy Powell; five brothers; and four sisters.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be at Avilla Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Kendallville Manor.

Paul Mann Jr.

ALBION — Paul M. Mann Jr. 70, died unexpectedly at 3:04 a.m Monday, June 18, 2001, at Whitle Memorial Hospital, Columbia Cit where he had been a patient for three days.

He spent his formative years i southern Indiana. He lived in Cap Girardeau, Mo., for several years He was a self-employed refriger tion and air conditioning technici most of his life. He moved to ru Albion after his wife's death to b near his son.

He was born June 22, 1930, i Henry County to Paul M. Mann and Cora Iva Clark Mann. In 19 he married Janice Ellen Sherman who preceded him in death April 14, 1995.

Two brothers, Jack and James Mann, also preceded him in deat

Surviving are a son, Donald A Mann of rural Albion; two daugh ters, Polly M. Winchester of Cap Girardeau and Jo Lynn Berry of Scott City, Mo.; three brothers, Kenneth Mann of New Castle, Cecil Mann of Terre Haute and Charles Mann of Spiceland; four sisters, Pauline Rogers, Cora Bowling and Jeanette Rogers, all Decatur, Ill., and Mary Hurst of New Castle; 10 grandchildren; a a great-grandson.

Private family services will b a later date.

There is no calling.

Arrangements are by Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Scott Crawford

KENDALLVILLE — Scott Eugene Crawford, 34, died at 5:20 a.m. Sunday, June 17, 2001, in a motorcycle accident at mile marker 84 on I-69 in Huntington County.

The 1985 graduate of East Noble High School served in the U.S. Army from 1986 to 1988. He was employed by United Parcel Service since 1985.

He was born Dec. 25, 1966, in Fort Wayne to Donald Ray and Karen Elaine (North) Crawford, who survive in LaOtto.

Also surviving are a daughter, Hailey Mae Crawford of Kendallville; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Lee Ann and John Wicker of Kendallville and Diana and John Halderman of Wawaka; and 10 nieces and nephews.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla, with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating. Burial will be at Swan Cemetery near LaOtto.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Hailey Mae Crawford Trust Fund.

THE NEWS-SUN WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2001

Rollin Frey

MIDDLEBURY — Rollin Frey, 87, died at 5:50 a.m. Tuesday, June 19, 2001, at Hickory Creek Health Care, Goshen. He had been in declining health with Parkinsons disease for 20 years.

He had lived all his life in LaGrange County. He worked for over 30 years as a bus driver for Shipshewana schools, retiring in 1969. He also farmed and worked at Miller's IGA, Shipshewana.

Mr. Frey

Mr. Frey was a member of Forks Mennonite Church, Middlebury, where he served as a trustee and janitor for several years.

He was born May 17, 1914, in LaGrange County to Alvin L. and Fannie (Miller) Frey. On Aug. 23, 1936, in rural Middlebury he married Florence Yoder, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Eugene Bontrager of Middlebury and Thelma and Galen Peters of Howe; two sons and daughters-in-law, Clifford and Wanda Frey of LaGrange and Richard and Marilyn Frey of Middlebury; two sisters, Phyllis Frey and Mabel Bontrager, both of Goshen; nine grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Nickloas Frey; four sisters, Alta Whitehead, Ella Lantz, Mary Stahley and Fern Miller; and three brothers, Albert, Harry and Floyd Frey.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Forks Mennonite Church with the Rev. Wesley Yoder of the church and Mr. Frey's son-in-law, the Rev. Eugene Bontrager, officiating. Burial will be at Forest Grove Cemetery.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the World Missionary Press or Gideons International.

Arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

ALBION NEW ERA June 20, 2001

Myrtle Secrist, 76

ANTWERP, OHIO -- Myrtle L. Secrist, 76, of Antwerp, Ohio, died Thursday, June 14, 2001, at Select Specialty at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

The Fort Wayne native was co-owner with her husband of Ray's Restaurant and had also worked at Eastside Restaurant and was a member of VFW Post 5087 Auxiliary.

Surviving are sons, Dennis R. of Fort Wayne and James A. of Hicksville; a daughter, Susan M. Secrist of Antwerp; brothers, Sam Shank of Avilla; Cecil Shank of Albion; Kenneth Shank of Butler; and John Shank of St. Joe; sisters, Wilma Hess of Fort Wayne, Marcille Woodbury of Wellston, Mich; Jean Knapp of Antwerp, Julia Snyder of Hicksville, Jerron Edsall of Kimmell, and Faye Reis of LaOtto; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Her husband, Harold A., preceded her in death.

Services were 10 a.m. (Ohio time) Monday at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp.

Burial was at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Memorials are to the Paulding County American Cancer Society.

Phyllis Conner

STROH-Phyllis R. Conner, 74, died Friday, June 15, 2001, in her home in Stroh.

She was born in Allen County on Dec. 25, 1926, to Paul and Bessie Marie (Boren) Freeman. She married Howard Conner on Nov. 23, 1946, and he died July 16, 1993.

Mrs. Conner lived in Stroh for more than 50 years. She was a Leo High School graduate, a member of the Stroh Church of Christ and the Stroh Firemen Women's Auxiliary. She was a former member of the Prairie Heights Community Schools PTA, and made uniforms for the high school band. She was a volunteer for several organizations in LaGrange County and taught Sunday School for many years.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Steve Keeslar of Hamilton, Joyce and Bob Getts of Carmel, and Kathy and Ronald Bruce of Kendallville; one son, Timothy Conner of Albion; three sisters, Laura Rosenbury of Butler, Helen Shutt of Auburn and Betty Lemper of Carthage, N. C.; one brother, Jack Freeman of Pine Island, Fla.; six grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Sunday, June 17, 2001 in Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, in Hudson with her brother-in-law, the Rev. Woolever, officiating. Burial was in Lake Bethel Cemetery in rural Stroh.

Memorials to the Stroh Lions Club.

Paul A. Barcus

SEBRING, FL-Paul A. Barcus, 75, Sebring, died June 6, 2001 in Sebring.

He was born in Auburn, Indiana. He retired from the practice of law after 33 years. Paul moved from Houston Texas to Albion in 1969. He served in the US Marines during World War II and the Korean War. He was a member of the American Bar Association, Noble County Prosecutor, represented Noble County Library Board, Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Board of Health, Department of Public Welfare and Albion Town Board before his retirement in 1990. Mr. Barcus served on many civic organization boards and was an active golfer.

He moved to Sebring, Florida full time in 1995. He attended St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his wife, Helen; daughter, Patti Jo of Sebring; son, Douglas of Albion, brother, Frank of Tarpon Springs, Florida and two grandchildren.

Calling will be from 2:00 to 5:00 at St. Mark's Church on Saturday, June 23 and a memorial service will be at 2:00 p.m. Sunday June 24, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Good Shepherd Hospice of Mid-Florida, Inc. P.O. Box 1884, Sebring, Fl. - 33871-1884. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery immediately following the memorial.

Carnie Pippenger, 88

COLUMBIA CITY -- Carnie Mae Pippenger, 88, a former resident of Green Township in Noble County, died at 9:05 p.m. Sunday, June 17, 2001, at Hickory Creek Health Care Center in Columbia City after an extended illness.

Mrs. Pippenger was born on January 28, 1913, in Green Township in Noble County, a daughter of James and Ocie Herendeen Herron, and spent all of her formative years in that area.

On November 27, 1927, she was married in Kentucky to Ted Pippenger, and spent all of her married life in the Green Center area.

She attended Green Center United Methodist Church.

Mr. Pippenger preceded her in death on January 19, 1987.

The surviving relatives include four daughters, Esther Anderson and Dorcas (Mrs. Donald J. "Tod") Pressler, both of Churubusco, Ruth Pressler of Columbia City, and Naomi (Mrs. Paul) Coats of Fort Wayne; five sons, Jim (wife Carolyn) Pippenger, Philip (wife Norma) Pippenger, David (wife Betty) Pippenger, and Teddy L. (wife Terry Pippenger, all of Churubusco, and Dan (wife Linda) Pippenger of Gibsonton, Florida; and a sister, Irene Diffendarfer of Fort Wayne. There are 32 grandchildren, 57 great-grandchildren, and ten great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Paul; by two grandsons Monte Pippenger and Doug Pressler and by a great-grandson, John Pressler.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. today at the Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Paul D. white, pastor of Churubusco Church of the Nazarene, officiating.

Calling was Tuesday.

Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials may be directed to the Gideon's International, or to Green Township Community Center.

Albion New ERA June 20-2

Virginia M. Summers, 86

GARRETT-Virginia M. Summers, 86, died on June 14, 2001 at 9:50 a.m. in Dupont Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born on May 11, 1915, in Garrett to Warren and Bessie (Comadoll) Royer. She had been a resident of Garrett for 86 years.

On June 26, 1940 she married Frank H. Summers in Garrett and he died on April 2, 1978. She worked in assembly at Reike Corporation in Auburn for 35 years, retiring in 1975.

Mrs. Summers was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, Rosary Society, and Daughters of Isabella. She was also a member of the Garrett Historical Society.

Survivors include: a daughter, Patricia Bender of Albion; a son, Michael L. Summers of Avilla; fine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a brother, Maurice Royer of Bonita Springs, FL and a brother, Donald Royer of Willard, OH.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank H. Summers; her father, Warren Royer and her mother Bessie Royer.

Funeral services were held on Monday, June 18, 2001 with the Fr. Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Paul Mann, Jr.

ALBION – Paul M. Mann, Jr. 70, a resident of rural Albion, died unexpectedly at 3:04 a.m. Monday, June 18, 2001, at Whitley Memorial Hospital in Columbia City. He had been a patient there for three days.

Mr. Mann was born on June 22, 1930 in Henry County, a son of Paul M. Sr. and Cora Iva Clark Mann, and spent his formative years in southern Indiana.

In 1961 he was married to Janice Ellen Sherman, and lived in Cape Girardeau, Missouri for several years. He moved to rural Albion to be near his son following the death of Mrs. Mann on April 14, 1995.

He was self-employed as a refrigeration and air conditioning technician for most of his life.

The surviving relatives include his son, Donald A. Mann of rural Albion; two daughters, Polly M. Winchester of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and Jo Lynn Berry of Scott City, Missouri; three brothers, Kenneth Mann of New Castle, Cecil Mann of Terre Haute, and Charles Mann of Spiceland; and four sisters, Pauline Rogers, Cora Bowling, and Jeanette Rogers, all of Decatur, Ill., and Mary Hurst of New Castle. There are ten grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

In addition to his wife and parents he was preceded in death by two brothers, Jack Mann and James Mann.

At the request of Mr. Mann there will be no calling hours. Private family services will be held at a later date.

Dorothy Kimes

FOSTORIA, Ohio-Dorothy Ann Kimes, 79, a long-time Angola resident who retired in Deland, Fla., died Saturday, June 16, 2001, at 8:10 a.m. at the Good Shepherd Nursing Home in Fostoria, Ohio.

Mrs. Kimes was a homemaker and a member of the DeLeon Springs United Methodist Church in DeLeon, Fla. She was a 1939 graduate of Spencerville High School in DeKalb County.

She was born Oct. 24, 1921, in DeKalb County to Terry and Pearle (Hoffman) Worman.

On May 3, 1940, she married Charles E. Kimes in Fort Wayne. He died Sept. 8, 1997.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Eloise and Gary Knox of Fostoria; a son, Elery Kimes of Belleville, Texas; three brothers, George Worman of Coldwater, Mich., Lewis Worman of Albion and Richard Worman of Butler; a sister, Betty Laux of Winslow, Ariz.; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Mary Ann Kimes, a brother, Wayne Worman, and a sister, Cora Bauman, also preceded her in death.

Services were held on Tuesday, June 19, 2001 at Harrold-Floriana Funeral Home in Fostoria, with the Rev. Jeff Raker and the Rev. Alan Sandford officiating.

Burial was in Deland Memorial Gardens in Deland, Fla. Memorials are to DeLeon Springs United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 807, DeLeon, FL 32130-0807.

Anna Gerber

LAGRANGE — Anna Gerber, 81, died Tuesday, June 19, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

She was a homemaker who lived most of her life in LaGrange County. She was a member of the Ladies Sewing Club.

She was born Oct. 20, 1919, in New Haven, Kan., to John W. and Elizabeth (Miller) Miller. On Dec. 6, 1941, in LaGrange she married Walter L. Gerber, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Serena F. Howard of LaGrange; a son, Robert E. Gerber of Bronson, Mich.; three sisters, Barbara Miller and Ruby Stopher, both of LaGrange, and Darlene Miller of Sarasota, Fla.; two brothers, Paul Miller of Sturgis, Mich., and Guy Miller of Sarasota, Fla.; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Emma Mennonite Church with the Rev. Gene Hartman officiating. Burial will be at Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Services Held

LIGONIER — Funeral services for **Kathryn Vorndran**, 90, of Ligonier, were Wednesday, June 20, 2001, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home with Father Dale Bauman officiating.

Burial was at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Pallbearers were William, Shawn and Deedra Vorndran, Paul Pfenning, Jim Tuvell and Jack Lepird.

Wilma Miller

TOPEKA — Wilma Kay Miller, 17, died at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 20, 2001, at the scene of a bicycle-pickup accident at the intersection of S.R. 5 and C.R. 200S, Topeka.

She lived in the Topeka area all her life and was working at home with her family. She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born May 29, 1984, in LaGrange to Atlee M. and Margaret (Miller) Miller, who survive in rural Topeka.

Also surviving are her grandparents, Mahlon A. and Wilma Miller of Shipshewana and Noah and Katie Miller of Topeka; a sister, Laura Miller, at home; three brothers, Steve, Mark and Lynn Miller, all at home; seven uncles; five aunts; and three special friends, Lora Miller, Rose Hochstetler and Wilma Lehman.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Elmer A. Yoder home, 8330 W. C.R. 200S, Topeka, with Bishop Elmer Yoder and the Revs. Ora Lehman and Harley Mast officiating. Burial will be at Yoder Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling is after 1 p.m. today and all day Friday at the Miller home, 8160 W. C.R. 200S, Topeka.

Arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Kristen Sheets

WOLCOTTVILLE — Kristen Oliver Sheets was stillborn at 2:45 a.m. Tuesday, June 19, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital.

Surviving are her parents, Kenneth C. and J. Suzanne (Oliver) Sheets of Wolcottville; her paternal grandparents, Max and Peggy Sheets of Sunbury, Ohio; and her maternal grandparents, Tom and Jackie Oliver of Wolcottville and Beverly Oliver of Columbia City.

Private graveside services are Friday.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Wilford Dunkel

LOGANSPORT — Wilford E. Dunkel, 80, died Tuesday, June 19, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a retired farmer and had worked with the LaGrange County Farm Bureau Corp. He had lived all his life in LaGrange County until 2000, when he moved to Logansport.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Logansport. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy in World War II, serving from 1942-1946 as a Gunnersmate First Class on the U.S.S. Sawfish and the U.S.S. Argonaut in the submarine service.

He was born March 15, 1921, in LaGrange County to Elmer and Florence (Alleshouse) Dunkel. On Dec. 3, 1944, in Orland, he married Lois M. Wilson, who survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Barbara Dunkel of Logansport; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Fred Adams of Davao City, Philippines; a brother, Mahlon Dunkel of LaGrange; a special aunt, Ruby Alleshouse; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Larry Dunkel, Nov. 3, 1967, and a brother, Virgil Dunkel.

Services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Revs. Mike Dominick and Dexter Garman officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery.

Calling is 3-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist churches of Logansport and LaGrange.

Ethel Kern

KENDALLVILLE — Ethel May Kern died at 1:05 a.m. today, Thursday, June 21, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

THE NEWS-SUN FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2001

Ethel Kern

KENDALLVILLE — Ethel May Kern, 96, died at 1:05 a.m. Thursday June 21, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

She was a graduate of Ashley High School, Ashley. She was a homemaker and a member of First Christian Church, Kendallville. She had lived on her own until entering Hickory Creek Nursing Home in mid-May.

Mrs. Kern

She was born Aug. 28, 1904, to Marion and Bessie (Brand) Benjamin. On June 15, 1923, at Cedar Lake she married Arthur William Russell Kern, who preceded her in death in November 1975.

A sister, Ruth Flannery; a stepbrother, Revis Robinson, and a grandson, Rusty Kern, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Russell Kern of Rio Rico, Ariz., Dean and Ilene Kern of Bluffton and Walter and Helen Kern of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Arlene and Wayne Hart of Avilla and Gloria "Jeanne" and David Ziclimski of Pretoria, South Africa; a sister, Esther Dirr of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren; 25 grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with Duane Brown officiating. Burial will be at Fairfield Center Cemetery, DeKalb County.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First Christian Church.

Ruth Bodenhafer

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth I. Bodenhafer, 80, died at 6:40 p.m. Thursday, June 21, 2001, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla. She had been in failing health for a year.

She was a lifetime area resident who, with her husband, owned and operated the A&W Drive-In in Kendallville.

Mrs. Bodenhafer was a member of English Prairie Church of the Brethren in Brighton and a lifetime member of the Good Sam Camping Club.

She was born Jan. 5, 1921, in Howe to Earl and Bessie (Ransbottom) Overholser. On Feb. 28, 1940, in Kendallville she married Ralph J. Bodenhafer, who preceded her in death Aug. 26, 1997.

A brother also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charles "Chuck" and Sharon Bodenhafer of Huntertown; two daughters and sons-in-law, Charlene "Char" and Dennis Koch of Fort Wayne and Connie and Robert Ashby of Kendallville; a brother, Monroe "Minnie" Overholser of Ashley; three sisters, Florence Reeves and Lois Alexander, both of Kendallville, and Helen McDorman of Texas; five grandchildren, Robin, Thomas and Aimee Jo Ashby, Cheri Hafferkamp and Brenda McBride; and six great-grandchildren, Cassandra and Bailey McBride, Alyssa and Kurt Hafferkamp and Megan and Brooke Ashby.

Services are 3 p.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Jim Toole officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 10 a.m.-noon and 1:30-3 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Fort Wayne, Provena Sacred Heart Home or donor's choice.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **Scott E. Crawford** were 11 a.m. Thursday, June 21, 2001, at Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla.

The Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiated.

Burial was at Swan Cemetery, LaOtto.

Pallbearers were John Halderman, John Wicker, Steve Evers, Matt Younis, Pat Derose and Mike Weildeman.

Honorary pallbearers were Brad Rummell, Dan Kurtz, Rick Clark, Tom Collins, Brad Richards, Jeff Barker, Duane Handshoe, Eric Reidenbach, Jim Schrock, John Boy, Steve Goebel, Steve Foster and Don Howard.

Arrangements were by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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The following obituary is being rerun to correct errors in information provided to The News-Sun.

Paul Mann Jr.

ALBION — Paul M. Mann Jr., 70, died unexpectedly at 3:04 a.m. Monday, June 18, 2001, at Whitley Memorial Hospital, Columbia City, where he had been a patient for three days.

He spent his formative years in southern Indiana. He lived in Cape Girardeau, Mo., for several years. He was a self-employed refrigeration and air conditioning technician most of his life. He moved to rural Albion after his wife's death to be near his son.

He was born July 22, 1930, in Henry County to Paul M. Mann Sr. and Cora Iva Clark Mann. In 1961 he married Janice Ellen Sherman, who preceded him in death April 14, 1995.

Two brothers, Jack and James Mann, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son, Donald A. Mann of rural Albion; two daughters, Polly M. Winchester of Cape Girardeau and Jo Lynn Berry of Scott City, Mo.; three brothers, Kenneth Mann of New Castle, Cecil Mann of Terre Haute and Charles Mann of Muncie; four sisters, Pauline Rodgers, Clora Bowling and Jeanette Wagner, all of Decatur, Ill., and Mary Hirst of New Castle; 10 grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Private family services will be at a later date.

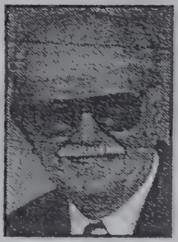
There is no calling.

Arrangements are by Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Norman Seidel

KENDALLVILLE — Norman Edwin Seidel, 81, of Kendallville, died on Friday, June 22, 2001, at 8:20 a.m. at Parkview-Noble Hospital.

Mr. Seidel graduated in the class of 1938 from Kendallville High School. He served in the US Army during World War II. He was a lifetime member of St. John Lutheran Church of Kendallville, serving in many capacities over the years. Together with his wife, he recieved in 1990 St. John's Service Recognition Award. He was chairman of the deacons; co-chairman of the expansion committee, chairman of the stewardship committee; treasurer of the church; on the board of social welfare and the long range planning committee; chairman of the building committee of the Multipurpose Addition in 1968-69; and chairman of the congregation at St. John's. He was the secretary of the Aid Association for Lutherans for 35 years.



Mr. Seidel

Mr. Seidel was also active in the Kendallville Kiwanis Club. A member since 1956, he served as president in 1962, and secretary between 1965 to 2000. He was presented a Life Membership to the Kiwanis International club. He served on many local committees and community projects. He was presented with the J.L. McCulloch Award, Indiana's highest Kiwanis honor, in February 1999. He was also on the board of directors for the Kendallville Investment Group, Inc.

He was born on March 6, 1920, to John and Clara (Schrieber) Siedel, in Kendallville.

He married Lorraine Karlen on August 16, 1941, in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Elizabeth Seidel, of Elk Grove, Illinois; one daughter, Deborah Campbell, of Garrett; one brother and sister-in-law, Scottie Seidel, of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Lauren, Kent and Lynsey Seidel, all of Elk Grove, Illinois; Luke, Shelly and Zach Meade, all of Garrett; and Drew and Dirk Campbell also of Garrett.

One brother, Harold Seidel and one sister, Henrietta Stoneburner, both preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday, June 26, at 11:00 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. The Rev. Paul Greibel will officiate.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetary, Kendallville.

Calling is from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. on Monday, June 25, at Hite Funeral Home. There will also be visitation one hour prior to services at the church on Tuesday.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church.

Services Held

Funeral services were held for Tillie Keck on Wednesday, June 20, at 11:00 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, in Kendallville with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial was in Avilla Cemetary.

Pall bearers were Charles Bruce Jr., Michael Bruce, Doug Weddelman, David Brown, Craig Munk and Bud Harter.

Nancy House

FORT WAYNE — Nancy Mar House, 58, of Warren, died Friday June 22, 2001, at 12:53 a.m. in th Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. House was a homemaker and a former cook at Huntington Memorial Hospital. A life long res dent of Huntington County, Mrs. House was a member of the Wesleyan Church and the Joy Pleasers Christian Ministries, both of Huntington.

She was born on December 13, 1942 in Huntington, to Eldon and Josephine (Denton) Sands. Her mother survives.

She married Darrell House on August 28, 1996, in Huntington. He survives.

Also surviving are one son, the Rev. Allen Shane Golden of Springfield, MO; three daughters and sons-in-laws, Mark and Sonja Ottinger of Cromwell; Mark and Penni Seivers of Columbia City; and Kelly Townsend of Huntington; three brothers, Ted Sands of Hartford City; J.D. Sands of Hartford City; and Randy Sands of Huntington; one sister and brother-in-law, Marvin and Sandra Kuntz, of Abilene, Kansas; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, at the Wesleyan Church. The Revs. Al Soultz and Allen Golden will officiate.

Burial will be in the Gardens of memory Cemetary, Muncie. Calling is from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday, June 25 at the Bailey-Love Mortuary in Huntington.

Memorials are to the Joy Pleasers Christian Ministries and Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

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Jane Burlage

GARRETT — Jane Ann Burlage, 48, died Friday, June 22, 2001, at 8:50 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Burlage was a homemaker and had lived in Garrett for 25 years. She was a Christian, a community volunteer and loved animals.

She was born Sept. 15, 1952, in Fort Wayne to Melvin and Betty (Healea) Volz. Her parents preceded her in death.

Mrs. Burlage

She married Stephen Burlage on Oct. 24, 1970, in Fort Wayne and he survives.

Also surviving her are three daughters, Rachel Saunders of Fort Wayne, Melanie Burlage-Haynes of Avilla and Stephanie Burlage of Garrett; one brother, Rick Volz of Dayton, Ohio; and three grandchildren, Madeline and Jackson Haynes, both of Avilla, and Elizabeth Saunders of Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, 2939 County Road 15, Auburn, with calling there after 10 a.m. The Rev. Don Shankster will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, in rural Garrett.

Additional calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren or Garrett High School softball.

Margaret Slone

KIMMELL — Margaret M. Slone, 37, of Kimmell, died Thursday, June 21, 2001, at 9:00 a.m. in her home.

She was employed at Home Crest in Goshen. She was a graduate of West Noble High School and was active in 4-H.

Mrs. Slone was born to Charles "Chuck" Hammack and Theresa "Jane" (Conner) Hammack, on March 15, 1964 in Goshen. Her parents survive.

She married Ron Slone on January 1, 1993, in Cromwell. He died on June 22, 2001.

Also surviving are two sons, Craig Stepherson, and Andrew Slone, both of Kimmell; two step daughters, Teresa Slone and Linda Slone, both of Kimmell; two sisters, Penny Lehman and Dawn Hursey, both of Ligonier; two half sisters, Darleen Hammack of Fort Wayne, and Doreen Hammack of Auburn; her grandparents, Edward Conner of Ligonier and Margaret Conner of Cromwell; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a half brother, Mathew Hammack.

Services will be at 10:00 a.m. Monday, June 25, in Orr Funeral Home. Pastor Gary Lovens will officiate. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetary in Kimmell. Visitation is from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Sunday, June 24, at Orr Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the family.

Ronnie Slone

KIMMELL — Ronnie Slone, 33, of Kimmell, died June 22, 2001, at 12:48 a.m. in Parkview Hospital.

Mr. Slone attended West Noble High School. He enjoyed the outdoors, working on cars and motorcycling. He was a lifetime Noble County resident.

He was born on November 14, 1967 in Goshen, to John L. and Ethel (Caudill) Slone.

He married Margaret Hammack on January 1, 1993.

Surviving are one son, Andrew Slone, of Kimmell; two daughters, Teresa Slone and Linda Slone, both of Kimmell; a step-son Greg Stepherson, of Kimmell; a brother, Randall Slone, of Churubusco; a sister, Patricia Slone, of Hart Michigan; a step-mother, Patricia Slone, of Ligonier.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be held on Tuesday, June 26, at 10:00 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Calling is from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. The Rev. Elbert Hagerman will officiate. Slone's uncle Lee Maggard will deliver the eulogy.

Burial will be in Sparta Cemetary, Kimmell.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

THE NEWS-SUN SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2001

Longtime church, community leader Norman Seidel, 81, dies

KENDALLVILLE — Norman Edwin Seidel, 81, of Kendallville, died on Friday, June 22, 2001, at 8:20 a.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mr. Seidel graduated in the Class of 1938 from Kendallville High School. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a lifetime member of St. John Lutheran Church of Kendallville, serving in many capacities over the years. Together with his wife, he received St. John's Service Recognition Award in 1990. He was chairman of the deacons; co-chairman of the Expansion Committee, chairman of the Stewardship Committee; treasurer of the church; on the board of Social Welfare and the Long-range Planning Committee; chairman of the Building Committee of the Multipurpose Addition in 1968-69; and chairman of the congregation at St. John. He was the secretary of the Aid Association for Lutherans for Branch 466 for 35 years. He was a volunteer at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home for many years and was a bus driver for resident outings.

Mr. Seidel was also active in the Kendallville Kiwanis Club. A member since 1956, he served as president in 1962, and secretary between 1965 to 2000. He was presented a Life Membership to the Kiwanis International club. He served on many local committees and community projects. He was presented with the J.L. McCulloch Award, Indiana's highest Kiwanis honor, in February 1999. He was also on the board of directors for the Kendallville Investment Group, Inc.

He was a 50-year member of the American Legion and served as adjutant during the 1970s.

Mr. Seidel worked at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville for 35 years until it closed, and then for nine years at Commercial Shearing in Butler.

Mr. Seidel

He was born on March 6, 1920, in Kendallville to John and Clara (Schrieber) Seidel. He married Lorraine Karlen on Aug. 16, 1941, in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Elizabeth Seidel, of Elk Grove, Ill.; one daughter, Deborah Campbell, of Garrett; one brother and sister-in-law, Howard and Scottie Seidel, of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Lauren, Kent and Lynsey Seidel, all of Elk Grove; Luke, Shelly and Zach Meade, all of Garrett; and Drew and Dirk Campbell also of Garrett.

A brother, Harold Seidel, and a sister, Henrietta Stoneburner, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. The Rev. Paul Griebel will officiate.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 until 8 p.m. on Monday at Hite Funeral Home. There will also be visitation one hour prior to services at the church on Tuesday.

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Funeral Tuesday for Jane Burlage

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He married Margaret Hammack on Jan. 1, 1993. She died June 21, 2001.

Surviving are one son, Andrew Slone, of Kimmell; two daughters, Teresa Slone and Linda Slone, both of Kimmell; a stepson Greg Stephersen of Kimmell; a brother, Randall Slone of Churubusco; a sister, Patricia Slone of Hart, Mich.; and his stepmother, Patricia Slone of Ligonier.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be held on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. The Rev. Elbert Hagerman will officiate. Slone's uncle, Lee Maggard, will deliver the eulogy.

Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

THE NEWS-SUN MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2001

James Friskney

ALBION — James E. Friskney, 83, died Sunday morning, June 24, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He had retired from General Electric in 1977 after 24 years of service and had farmed. He was a member of Burr Oak Baptist Church who enjoyed gardening and winters in Florida.

He was born Oct. 29, 1917, in Noble County to Archie and Clara (Ott) Friskney. On Sept. 30, 1939, in Nine Mile he married Ester Roberson, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and George Atkinson of Columbia City and Louise and Danny Stangland of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Joy Friskney of Ligonier; a sister, Martha Jane Johnson of Albion; three brothers, Boyd Friskney of Inver Grove Heights, Minn., Willis Friskney of Albion and Merle "Bud" Friskney of Arvada, Colo.; and four grandchildren, Tim Atkinson and Kristin Mains, both of Columbia City, Trisha Miller of Fort Wayne and Erik Stangland of Seymour.

Services are at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Burr Oak Baptist Church, 501W C.R. 200S, Albion, with the Rev. Mark Woods officiating. Burial will be at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is 3-7 p.m. Tuesday at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, and 9-10 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Burr Oak Baptist Church, 501W C.R 200S, Albion, IN 46701.

Edna Addis

CHURUBUSCO — Edna Iona Addis, 82, died at 6:50 p.m. Sunday, June 24, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Among survivors are her daughter, Doris Mudrack of Garrett; and two sons, William E. Addis Jr. of Tucson, Ariz., and Mitchell E. Addis of Colon, Mich.

Her husband, William E. Addis, preceded her in death May 30, 1968.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Eva Hymen

ALBION — Eva "Effie" Hymen, 79, died Saturday, June 23, 2001, in Columbia City.

The Pine Village native was a homemaker.

Surviving are a son, James T. Hymen of Altoona, Wis.; three daughters, Patricia J. Christensen of Clearwater, Fla., Carol Ann Schmitz of Richmond and Mary E. Carpenter of Albion; two sisters, Virginia C. Hall and Kathryn L. Querry, both of Pine Village; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Her husband, James Earl Hymen, preceded her in death in 1998.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Entombment will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Edward Richter Jr.

FORT WAYNE — Edward J. Richter Jr., 63, died Saturday, June 23, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Plymouth, Mass., native was a field engineer 45 years before retiring this year.

Surviving are his wife, Phyllis J. Richter; two daughters, Kim Bodigon of Roanoke and Sharon Richter of Fort Wayne; a son, David Richter of Beavercreek, Ohio; and a brother, Richard Richter of Ligonier.

Services are at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road. Burial will be at I.O.O.F. Cemetery, New Haven.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart or Diabetes associations.

Perry Bontrager

SHIPSHEWANA — Perry A. Bontrager, 86, died at 7:25 p.m. Sunday, June 24, 2001, at home. He was in declining health.

He was a farmer who lived in the area all his life. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Jan. 13, 1915, in LaGrange County to Andy L. and Polly (Miller) Bontrager. On Dec. 14, 1939, in Middlebury he married Ida Wingard, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Kathryn Lambright and Edward Lambright Jr. of Shipshewana; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Vernon Bontrager of Beehler, Ill., Olen and Wilma Bontrager of Topeka, DeWayne and LeAnna Bontrager of Shipshewana and Pete and Jan Bontrager of Goshen; a sister, Susie Miller of Shipshewana; 27 grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 44 stepgreat-grandchildren; and four stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Levi A. A. Bontrager, April 7, 1996, and a son-in-law, John Yoder.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the family home, 7035W C.R. 250N, Shipshewana, with Bishops Lewis Hochstetler and Marvin Bontrager and the Rev. Mervin Beachy officiating. Burial will be at East Barens Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling is after 2 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the family home.

Arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

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Earl Gibson

STROH — Earl Dan Gibson, 71, died Sunday, June 24, 2001, at home in Stroh.

He had lived in the area 49 years, coming there from Kentucky Sept. 1, 1952. He worked at Lane Foundry for one year and retired from Newnam Foundry after 37 years. He was a member of the Stroh Fire Department for over 35 years.

He was born Aug. 9, 1929, in Vest, Ky., to the Rev. Dan and Margaret (Grigsby) Gibson. On Feb. 28, 1949, in Vest he married Kathleen Tuttle, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Rose Marie and Charles Ritchie and Rita and Floyd Miller, all of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Carol Gibson of LaGrange; a sister, Sophie Slone of LaGrange; nine grandchildren, Linda (Ritchie) Conner, John Ritchie, Dan and Chris Krieder, Amanda (Miller) Maxwell, Melinda (Miller) Van Auken and Melissa (Miller) Taylor, all of LaGrange, and Brandon and Cole Gibson of Homer, Mich.; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara Gibson, in 1966; and three sisters, Lillian Wallen, Flossie Tuttle and Ida Ousley.

Services are at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Hutchins Funeral Home, S.R. 9, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Birtchel Mosley Jr. officiating. Burial will be at Brushy Chapel, LaGrange County.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Stroh Fire Department or Parkview Home Health and Hospice of LaGrange.

Angelo Tsetse I

KENDALLVILLE — Angelo C. Tsetse I, 69, died at 11:15 a.m. Saturday, June 23, 2001, at home in Kendallville.

He served in the U.S. Navy, being discharged in 1955. He worked for 18 years as a laborer at Slater Steel. He was a member of the Navy Club, American Legion Post 86 and the Greek Orthodox Church.

He was born Jan. 19, 1932, in Fort Wayne to Christ and Pauline (G[illegible]unaris) Tsetse.

Surviving are a son, Angelo C. Tsetse II of Kendallville; a brother, Na[illegible]mi Tsetse of Fort Wayne; a sister, Olga Hayes of Fort Wayne; and a granddaughter, Cassie.

A sister, Fannie Odier, preceded him in death.

Services are Wednesday at 10 a.m. at C.M. Sloan and Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne, with Pastor Shawn Sheperd officiating. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Ruth I. Bodenhafer** were 3 p.m. Saturday, June 23, 2001, with the Rev. James Toole officiating.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Pallbearers were Mark Hafferkamp, Thomas McBride, Thomas Ashby and Jack Christy.

Arrangements were by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Edna Addis

CHURUBUSCO — Edna I. Addis, 82, died at 6:50 p.m. Sunday, June 24, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient since May 30.

She spent her lifetime in the Churubusco community. As an adult she worked for a time at Target, Fort Wayne. In 1978 she retired from Essex Wire and Cable, Fort Wayne. She was a member of Churubusco Church of the Nazarene, the Garrett Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary and the Churubusco American Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

Mrs. Addis

She was born in Churubusco Nov. 23, 1918 to Charles M. and Mary L. (Tucker) Wilkins. On Nov. 23, 1934, she married William E. Addis, who preceded her in death May 30, 1968.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Mary Marie Addis; a son, Robert Lee Addis; a brother, Frank Wilkins; and two sisters, Lena Ferguson and Elma Garrison.

Surviving are a daughter, Doris Mudrack of Garrett; two sons and daughters-in-law, William E. Addis Jr. and Sharon Addis of Tucson, Ariz., and Mitchell E. and Connie Addis of Colon, Mich.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Fannie and Homer Whittaker of Columbia City and Martha and Harold Bushong of Albion; a brother, Dawson Wilkins of Corpus Christi, Texas; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, pastor emeritus of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Kevin Hathaway

HUNTERTOWN — Kevin M. Hathaway, 39, died Monday, June 25, 2001, at 9:05 a.m. shortly after arriving in the emergency room at Dupont Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hathaway was employed as a machinist at GCG Industries in Fort Wayne, and formerly worked at Food Marketing in Fort Wayne for 15 years. He was also a school bus driver for Northwest Allen County School Corp.

He lived in Huntertown and was a member of Huntertown United Methodist Church. He attended Northrop High School and was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He also had lived in Avilla.

He was born Dec. 17, 1961, in Fort Wayne to Glen Richard and Ann (Eber) Hathaway. His mother survives in Huntertown and his father is deceased.

He married Rose Decker on Aug. 12, 1983, in Huntertown, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jacob, a junior at Carroll High School; a daughter, Katy Hathaway, a sophomore at Carroll High School; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Michael and Tammy Hathaway of Huntertown, and Glen Richard Hathaway Jr. and Brenda Hathaway, also of Huntertown; a sister and brother-in-law, Michelle and Rick Jackson of Fort Wayne; and his in-laws, Thomas and Sharon Decker of Huntertown.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Huntertown United Methodist Church, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Pastors Timothy Terrell and Sherri Long will officiate. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Additional calling is Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. and Thursday from 2-8 p.m. in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Memorials are to the Hathaway children's education fund or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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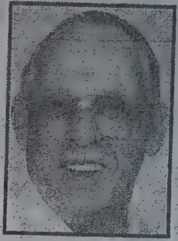
Earl Gibson

STROH — Earl Dan "Hoot" Gibson, 71, died Sunday, June 24, 2001, at home in Stroh.

He had lived in the area 49 years, coming from Kentucky Sept. 1, 1952. He worked at Lane Foundry for one year and retired from Newnam Foundry after 37 years. He was a member of the Stroh Fire Department for more than 35 years.


Mr. Gibson

He was born Aug. 9, 1929, in Vest, Ky., to Rev. Dan and Margaret (Grigsby) Gibson. On Feb. 28, 1949, in Vest he married Kathleen Tuttle, who survives in Stroh.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Rose Marie and Charles Ritchie and Rita and Floyd Miller, all of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Carol Gibson of Bowling Green; a sister, Sophie Slone of LaGrange; nine grandchildren, Lynda (Ritchie) Conner, John Ritchie, Dan and Chris Krieder, Melinda (Miller) Van Auken and Melissa (Miller) Taylor, all of LaGrange, Amanda (Miller) Maxwell of Peru and Brandon and Kole Gibson of Homer, Mich.; and five great-grandchildren.

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Services are 1 p.m. Wednesday at Hutchins Funeral Home, S.R. 9, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Birtchel Mosley Jr. officiating. Burial will be at Brushy Chapel, LaGrange County.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Stroh Fire Department or Parkview Home Health and Hospice of LaGrange.

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Mary Greene

COLUMBIA CITY — Mary E. Greene, 97, died at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 23, 2001, at her daughter Doris Bellinger's home where she had lived for the past 13 years.

She spent her formative years in Van Wert County, Ohio, and most of her married life in Huntertown. She moved with her husband to Columbia City in 1980.

She was born Jan. 6, 1904, in Van Wert County to John F. and Bernice (Baker) Bell. On Feb. 25, 1922 in Fort Wayne, she married Harvey F. Greene, who preceded her in death Aug. 9, 1983.

Two sons, Alfred and Norman Greene, a daughter, Violet McBride, and two brothers, Glenn and Henry Bell, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Doris Bellinger of Columbia City; a son, Charles Greene of Astula, Fla.; 21 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and 20 great-great-grandchildren.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, pastor emeritus of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery northwest of Huntertown.

Calling is 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **Ethel Kern** were 10 a.m. Monday, June 25, 2001, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Duane Brown officiating.

Burial was at Fairfield Center Cemetery, DeKalb County.

Pallbearers were John Baden, Jerry Sheets, Randy Workman, Eric Stadtfeld, Ryan Kern and Richard Hart.

Honorary pallbearers were Arthur and James Hart.

The following obituary is being rerun to correct errors in information provided to The News-Sun.

Angelo Tsetse I

FORT WAYNE — Angelo C. Tsetse I, 69, died at 11:15 a.m. Saturday, June 23, 2001, at his son's home in Kendallville.

He served in the U.S. Navy in the Korean War. He worked for 18 years as a laborer at Slater Steel. He was a member of the Navy Club, American Legion Post 86 and the Greek Orthodox Church.

He was born Jan. 19, 1932, in Fort Wayne to Christ and Pauline (Gounaris) Tsetse.

Surviving are a son, Angelo C. Tsetse II of Kendallville; two brothers, Naumi and Lucas Tsetse, both of Fort Wayne; a sister, Olga Hayes of Fort Wayne; and a granddaughter, Cassie.

A sister, Fannie Odier, preceded him in death.

Services are Wednesday at 10 a.m. at C.M. Sloan and Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne, with Pastor Shawn Sheperd officiating. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is noon-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Elizabeth Pressler

FORT WAYNE — Elizabeth "Betty" Pressler, 97, died Saturday, June 23, 2001, at Woodview Health Care Center, Fort Wayne.

The Syracuse native was a homemaker and teacher with the Wawasee School system for six years. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne, and Eastern Star Chapter 432, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are four nephews, Nelson Bushong of Goshen, and Avon, John and George Bushong, all of Syracuse; and a niece, Bettylou Tirschek of Elkhart.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Landis R. Pressler, in 1991, and a brother, Hugh Bushong, in 1998.

Graveside services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Syracuse Cemetery, Syracuse.

Calling is 2-5 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the church.

Roy Miller

ALBION — Roy W. Miller, 84, died at 2:30 a.m. Monday, June 25, 2001, at home in Albion.

He was the owner of and barber at Miller's Hair Styles, Albion. He had lived in the community 52 years.

He was born Dec. 2, 1916, in Kimmell to Thomas J. and Sylvia (Huff) Miller. On June 18, 1949, in Avilla he married Eloise Kiester, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Nancy Fausnaugh of Ligonier, Jade Miller of Spokane, Wash., and Jael Prentice of Albion; 10 grandchildren, Tom and Bart Fausnaugh and Brendon, Brandy, Brenton, Brady, Prentice, Bryce, Brook and Bryton Byall; and five great-grandchildren, Heather, Ryan, Dustin and Joshua Fausnaugh and Derick Snyder.

Graveside services were 11 a.m. today at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell, with the Rev. Doug Keenan officiating.

Memorials are to the family.

Arrangements were by Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

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Michael Miller

LAGRANGE — Michael Richard Miller, 48, died Monday, June 25, 2001, at home.

He was the West Noble Middle School band director and had taught at Northfield High School and Westview School Corp. He lived most of his life in LaGrange County. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, LaGrange, St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Ligonier, and the Indiana State Teachers Association. He was an Indiana High School Athletic Association official for basketball and wrestling.

Mr. Miller

He was born Nov. 3, 1952, in Winamac to Richard E. and Marilyn B. (Brady) Miller, who survive in LaGrange. On May 9, 1975, in LaGrange he married Teresa M. Frantz, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Amber M. Miller of Ligonier; two sons, Richard B. Miller of Kendallville and Lance Cpl. Jarod M. Miller of the U.S. Marine Corps at Twenty-Nine Palms, Calif.; a sister and brother-in-law, Kathleen and Gary Harp of Indianapolis; a brother and sister-in-law, Phillip "Yogi" and Lynnelle Miller of LaGrange; two grandmothers, Eva V. Brady and Amber R. Miller, both of LaGrange; and two grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, LaGrange, with the Rev. Dale Bauman officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with a rosary said there at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Joseph's or St. Patrick's Catholic church or the West Noble Middle School Band Fund.

Lawrence Foote

ROME CITY — Lawrence E. Foote, 88, died Monday, June 25, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Allen County native was the superintendent of Allen County Schools, assistant superintendent of Fort Wayne Community Schools and superintendent of Huntington County Community and Delaware County schools. He served in education for 41 years, with more than 40 schools built or renovated under his leadership. He was one of the original founders of the Aged and Aging in the State of Indiana, serving as its president in the initial years. He was an active member of Rome City United Methodist Church and Leo Masonic Lodge 224.

Surviving are his wife of 68 years, Margaret E. Foote of Rome City; two sons, James E. Foote of Johnson City, Tenn., and John L. Foote of Lindenhurst, Ill.; two daughters, Sara R. Beal of Dewey, Ariz., and Mary Beth Reed of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Rome City United Methodist Church. Burial will be at Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, and 4-8 p.m. Friday at the church. Masonic services are 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

Patricia Spencer

KENDALLVILLE — Patricia W. Spencer, 76, died at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, 2001, at Florida Regional Hospital, Sanford, Fla.

Among survivors are her husband, Richard C. Spencer, and a brother, Jean B. Fox of Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending with Hite Funeral home, Kendallville.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for Norman Seidel were 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 26, 2001, at St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville, with the Revs. Paul Greibel and Robert Shriner officiating.

Burial was at Lakeview Cemetery.

Pallbearers were David Langwell, Craig Mertz, Tom Bassett, Drew Campbell and Luke and Zack Mead.

Honorary pallbearers were Dirk Campbell, Kent Seidel and all members of the Kendallville Kiwanis Club.

KIMMELL — Funeral services for Ronnie Slone, 33, were Tuesday, June 26, 2001, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home with the Rev. Elbert Hagerman officiating.

Burial was at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Pallbearers were Alan Teel, Dale Woods, Lee Maggard, Harold Caudill, Fred Knipscheer and Casey Slone.

Honorary pallbearers were Teresa, Linda and Andrew Slone and Craig Stephenson.

James E. Friskney, 83

ALBION-James E. Friskney, 83, died Sunday, June 24, 2001 at Parkview Hospital of Ft. Wayne.

He was born on October 29, 1917 in Noble County, Indiana to Archie and Clara (Ott) Friskney.

On September 30, 1939 he married Ester Roberson in Nine Mile, IN.

Mr. Friskney was a member of the Burr Oak Baptist Church. He enjoyed gardening and winters in Florida. He had farmed and retired from General Electric in 1977 after 24 years of service.

Survivors include: his wife, Ester Roberson Friskney of Albion; a daughter, Linda and husband George Atkinson of Columbia City; a daughter, Louise and husband Danny Stangland of Albion; a son, Dale and wife Joy Friskney of Ligonier; a sister Martha Jane Johnson of Albion; a brother Boyd Friskney of Inver Grove Hights, Minnesota; a brother, Willis Friskney of Albion; and a brother Merle "Bud" Friskney of Arvada, Colorado. Four grandchildren: Tim Atkinson of Columbia City, Trisha Miller of Ft. Wayne, Erik Stangland of Seymour and Kristin Mains of Columbia City.

Services were held on Wednesday, June 27, 2001 in Burr Oak Baptist Church with Rev. Mark Woods officiating.

Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery of Merriam, IN.

Memorials to Burr Oak Baptist Church.

(This obituary is being reprinted to correct information)

Paul Mann, Jr.

ALBION -- Paul M. Mann, Jr. 70, a resident of rural Albion, died unexpectedly at 3:04 a.m. Monday, June 18, 2001, at Whitley Memorial Hospital in Columbia City. He had been a patient there for three days.

Mr. Mann was born on July 22, 1930 in Henry County, a son of Paul M. Sr. and Cora Iva Clark Mann, and spent his formative years in southern Indiana.

In 1961 he was married to Janice Ellen Sherman, and lived in Cape Girardeau, Missouri for several years. He moved to rural Albion to be near his son following the death of Mrs. Mann on April 14, 1995.

He was self-employed as a refrigeration and air conditioning technician for most of his life.

The surviving relatives include his son, Donald A. Mann of rural Albion; two daughters, Polly M. Winchester of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and Jo Lynn Berry of Scott City, Missouri; three brothers, Kenneth Mann of New Castle, Cecil Mann of Terre Haute, and Charles Mann of Muncie; and four sisters, Pauline Rodgers, Clora Bowling, and Jeanette Wagner, all of Decatur, Ill., and Mary Hirst of New Castle. There are ten grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

In addition to his wife and parents he was preceded in death by two brothers, Jack Mann and James Mann.

At the request of Mr. Mann there will be no calling hours. Private family services will be held at a later date.

Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

Roy W. Miller

ALBION-Roy W. Miller, 84, died Monday, June 25, 2001 at 2:30 a.m. in his residence in Albion.

He was born on December 2, 1916 in Kimmell to Thomas J. and Sylvia (Huff) Miller. On June 18, 1949 he married Eloise Keister in Avilla, she survives.

Mr. Miller was a barber and owned and operated Millers Hair Styles in Albion.

Surviving are three daughters: Nancy Fausnaugh of Ligonier, Jade Miller of Spokane, WA and Jael Prentice of Albion; ten Grandchildren: Tom and Bart Fausnaugh, Brandon Prentice, Brandy Prentice, Brenton Prentice Brady Prentice, Bryce Byall, Brook Byall and Bryton Byall; five Great-grandchildren: Heather Fausnaugh; Ryan Fausnaugh, Dustin Fausnaugh, Joshua Fausnaugh, and Derick Snyder.

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, June 26, 2001 at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell with Rev. Doug Keenan officiating.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Eva Hymen

ALBION-Eva "Effie" Hymen, 79, died Saturday, June 23, 2001, in Columbia City.

The Pine Village native was a homemaker.

Surviving are a son, James T. Hymen of Altoona, Wis.; three daughters, Patricia J. Christensen of Clearwater, Fla., Carol Ann Schmitz of Richmond and Mary E. Carpenter of Albion; two sisters, Virginia C. Hall and Kathryn L. Querry, both of Pine Village; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Her husband, James Earl Hymen, preceded her in death in 1998.

Services were Wednesday at D. O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Entombment will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

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Edna Addis

CHURUBUSCO -- Edna I. Addis, 82, a resident of Churubusco, died at 6:50 p.m. Sunday, June 24, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been a patient there since May 30.

Mrs. Addis was born in Churubusco on November 23, 1918, a daughter of Charles M. and Mary L. Tucker Wilkins.

She was married to William E. Addis on November 23, 1934, and spent her entire lifetime in the Churubusco community.

As an adult she was employed at Target in Fort Wayne for a period, and retired in 1978 from Essex Wire and Cable in Fort Wayne. She was a member of the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene, the Garrett Veteran's of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary, and the Churubusco American Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

Mr. Addis preceded her in death on May 30, 1968.

Surviving relatives include her daughter, Doris Mudrack of Garrett; two sons and daughters-in-law, William E., Jr. and Sharon Addis of Tucson, Ariz., and Mitchell E. and Connie Addis of Colon, Mich.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Fannie and Homer Whittaker of Columbia City, and Martha and Harold Bushong of Albion; a brother, Dawson Wilkins of Corpus Christi, Texas; nine grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Also deceased is a daughter, Mary Marie Addis; a son, Robert Lee Addis; a brother, Frank Wilkins; and two sisters, Lena Ferguson, and Elma Garrison.

Funeral services are at 2 p.m. today at the Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, pastor emeritus of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating.

Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the family.

THE NEWS-SUN THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2001

Maralene D. Miller

MARTIN, Ky. — Maralene D. Miller, 69, died at 10:55 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, 2001, at her daughter's home in Martin, Ky.

She had lived in Martin two years, coming from Kendallville. She was a retired nursing home aide and a member of the Lutheran Church.

She was born Jan. 13, 1932, in Garrett to August and Vesta (Barber) Diederich. On Oct. 24, 1953, in Garrett she married Alvin E. Miller, who preceded her in death Dec. 5, 1997.

Two sisters, Violet Eschelman and Gladys Dicks, and a son-in-law, Teddie Collins, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sara and Terry Brown of Wayland, Ky., and Tina Collins of Martin; three sisters, Wanda Elliott of LaGrange, Evelyn Baughman of Auburn and Nancy Hazelton of Haines City, Fla.; two brothers, James and David Diederich, both of Garrett; seven grandchildren, Chastity Hyndman, Crystal Nichols, Carmellia, Kevin, Catrina and Courtney Brown and Matraca Collins; and four great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery, Rome city.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are donor's choice.

Phyllis Balliet

FORT WAYNE — Phyllis M. Balliet, 77, died Wednesday, June 27, 2001, at home.

The Noble County native was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Granville L. "Ty" Balliet; four sons, Craig, Gail, Keith and Trent Balliet, all of Fort Wayne; a sister, Dorothy Donohue of LaGrange; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; and 10 step-great-grandchildren.

Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday and noon-1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Bethel United Methodist Women or the Allen County Heart Association.

THE NEWS-SUN FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2001

(This obituary is being reprinted to correct an error in information given The News-Sun.)

Maralene Miller

MARTIN, KY. — Maralene D. Miller, 69, of Martin, Ky., formerly of Kendallville, died at 11:55 a.m., Tuesday, June 26, 2001, at the home of her daughter.

On Jan. 13, 1932, in Garrett, Ind., she was born to August and Vesta (Barber) Diederich. She married Alvin E. Miller on Oct. 24, 1953, in Garrett. He preceded her in death on Dec. 5, 1997.

She lived in Martin, Ky. for two years having moved from Kendallville.

Surviving are: two daughters and a son-in-law, Tina Collins, Martin, Ky., and Sara and Terry Brown, Wayland, Ky.; three sisters, Wanda Elliot, LaGrange, Evelyn Baughman, Auburn, and Nancy Hazelton, Haines City, Fla.; two brothers, James and David Diederich, both of Garrett; seven grandchildren, Chastity Hyndman, Crystal Nichols, Carmellia, Catrina and Kevin Brown, Courtney Peters and Matraca Collins; and four great-grandchildren.

Two sisters, Violet Eschelman and Gladys Dicks preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Rev. Paul B. Griebel, of St. John Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is today from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Patricia Spencer

KENDALLVILLE — Patricia W. Spencer, 76, of Sanford, Fla., formerly of Rome City, died at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, 2001, at Florida Regional Hospital, Sanford, after a lengthy illness.

On Oct. 3, 1924, in Rome City, she was born to Brent L. and Mildred (Watkins) Fox Sr. She married Richard C. Spencer on Nocb. 4, 1959, in Kalamazoo, Mich. He survives.

Mrs. Spencer lived in Sanford since 1962.

She worked for Bank America as an account representative, and was a member and past member of the Order of Eastern Star and the American Legion Auxiliary Post 381 in Rome City.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are, a brother and siter-in-law, Jean and Jean Fox, of Kendallville; three nieces, Linda DeGroff and Stacy Cochard, both of Kendallville, and Ann Fraze, of Fort Wayne; four nephews, Brent Fox III, of Texas, and Brad, Barry and Patrick Fox, all of Rome City.

A brother, Brent Fox II, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is today from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Timothy Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Timothy Ray Miller, 10-day-old son of Ervin D. and Darla M. (Miller) Miller, of Middlebury, died at 9:45 a.m. Thursday, June 28, 2001, at Memorial Hospital, South Bend, after becoming ill Thursday morning.

He was born on June 19, 2001, in Goshen.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are two sisters, Glenda and Kara Miller, both of Middlebury; six brothers, Delbert, Kennard, Jerald, Merlin, Kevin and Ervin Dean Miller, all of Middlebury; grandparents, Harley Jay and Wilma Miller, Goshen, and John E. and Viola Miller, Topeka; and a great-grandmother, Rosa Beachy, Shipshewana.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the family residence with Bishop LeRoy Lehman and Rev. Dean Gingerich, both of the Old Order Amish Church, officiating. Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling is after 1 p.m. today at the family residence at 10392 C.R. 26, Middlebury.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Services Held

WOLCOTTVILLE — Services for **Earl D. Gibson** were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, 2001, at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with Rev. Birtchel Mosley J. officiating. Burial was in Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: Donnie Ousley, Ron Conner, Matthew Taylor, Billy Ray Tuttle, John Ritchie, Sean Maxwell, Denver Patrick and Billy Ray Powers.

Honorary pallbearers were: Al Simmons, Duane Howell, Chandler Terry, Duke Mullins, Alonzo Castle, Dill Neace and Damon Handshoe.

THE NEWS-SUN SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 2001

Audra Frisbey

LAGRANGE — Audra M. Frisbey, 85, died at 10:28 p.m. Thursday, June 28, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She lived all her life in LaGrange County. She was retired from Sprint Telephone Co.

She was born Oct. 22, 1915, in LaGrange County to Erie S. and Olive (Crowl) Frisbey.

Surviving is a sister-in-law, Elizabeth I. Frisbey of LaGrange.

A brother, Roger R. Frisbey, preceded her in death Dec. 24, 1987.

Services are 2 p.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is noon-2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

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Clara Boleyn

HELMER — Clara B. "Todd" Boleyn, 78, died Saturday, June 30, 2001, at 4:20 a.m. in Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Boleyn was a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

She was born in Kendallville on Oct. 22, 1922, to Oscar and Clara (Kline) Miller.

She married Samuel F. Boleyn on June 10, 1965, in Lisbon. He died Aug. 1, 1990.

Mrs. Boleyn

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Sam and Sandy Weimer of Corunna and Thomas and SunYe Weimer of Renneyville, Ky; two daughters and sons-in-law, Susie and Cody Schneider of Kendallville and Jeanette and Fred Smart of Helmer; a granddaughter she raised from infancy, Patty Collins, at home in Helmer; an adopted daughter, Mildred Bentley of Wolcottville; 19 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Berdina Smart, and two brothers, Everett Kline and Don Miller.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Independent Full Gospel Church at Ashley. Burial will be in the Brushy Prairie Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Calling is Monday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the building fund of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

Lois Billings

FREMONT — Lois Billings of Clear Lake died Saturday, June 30, 2001, at Provincial House in Adrian, Mich. Funeral arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Glenn Schlegel

MONROEVILLE — Glenn W. Schlegel, 91, of Monroeville, died Friday, June 29, 2001, at Village of Heritage.

Mr. Schlegel was a native of New Haven and a former resident of Fort Wayne. He retired in 1973 from Rea Magnet Wire as a wire inspector-lab technician after 33 years of service.

He was a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church and American Legion Post 330, both in New Haven, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10205. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

His wife, Doretta M., preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son, Larry E. of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Sharon Hollenbeck of Auburn and Karon Blair of Fort Wayne; a brother, Ervin of New Haven; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Emanuel Lutheran Church, 800 Green St., New Haven, with calling one hour before services.

Additional calling is Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana 930 E., New Haven, with an American Legion service at 7:30 p.m.

Burial will be in Emanuel Lutheran Cemetery, New Haven, with military graveside services.

Memorials are to the church, Village of Heritage or Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice.

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Donald Zeigler

CHURUBUSCO — Donald O. Zeigler, 70, died Saturday morning, June 30, 2001, at home on the family farm in Smith Township, rural Churubusco.

Mr. Zeigler

As a young man the lifelong Smith Township resident served in the U.S. Army in the Korean War. He was employed at Dana Corp., Churubusco, for over 10 years and engaged in farming in Smith Township all of his life until he retired from that in 1995. He was a member of the Whitley County Farm Bureau.

He was born March 26, 1931, near Churubusco to Jesse and Lillie (Prough) Zeigler. On Jan. 14, 1956, in Noble County, he married Dorthy J. Cunningham, who preceded him in death March 8, 1994.

Four brothers, Ben, Lee, John and Marshall Zeigler, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Lee and Beth Zeigler of Ligonier, Ray and Kristine Zeigler of Kimmell and Max and Jennifer Zeigler of Churubusco; two daughters and sons-in-law, Luann and J.C. Workman and Diane and Joe Wolf of Larwill; four brothers and two sisters-in-law, Clarence Zeigler of Columbia City and Jay W. Ziegler, Ralph and Dolores Zeigler and Allen E. and Jeanie Zeigler, all of Churubusco; six sisters, Mae Wappes of Mesa, Ariz., Grealdine Growcock, Betty Crabill and Barbara Nicodemus, all of Columbia City, and Martha Wappes and Joy Follis, both of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and a step-great-grandchild.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Barry Fawcett of New Hope Wesleyan Church officiating. Burial will be at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and 9-10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Kathleen Crouse

KIMMELL — Kathleen M. Crouse, 76, died at 4:40 a.m. Sunday, July 1, 2001, at Kingston of Ligonier, where she had been a resident since June 2. She had been ill since August.

Mrs. Crouse

The Knapp Lake resident had lived in Noble County since 1984. Before that she lived in Fort Wayne and South Bend. She was a homemaker and caretaker and a graduate of Fort Wayne Central Catholic High School. She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Ligonier, and St. Patrick's Rosary Sodality, and a 50-year member of Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority.

She was born April 7, 1925, in Fort Wayne to Edward E. and Edna M. (O'Neill) Saxton. In Fort Wayne she married George H. Crouse, who preceded her in death in 1983.

A sister, Mary "Pidge" Saxton, and two brothers, Robert and Edward Saxton, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Michael Crouse of Kimmell; a sister, Helen Coblentz of Knapp Lake, Kimmell; two brothers, James Saxton of Fort Wayne and John Saxton of Tempe, Ariz.; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Ligonier, with Father Dale Bauman officiating. Committal services are at 12:15 p.m. Thursday at Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Calling is 2-6 p.m. Wednesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with rosary services there at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Dorothy Emerson

WOLF LAKE — Dorothy Mae Emerson, 83, died at 10:45 p.m. Saturday, June 30, 2001, at Rolling Meadows Nursing Home, Lafontaine.

She was a legal secretary at Dana Corp. in Auburn. She lived at Wolf Lake for 20 years, moving there from Auburn. She was a member of Wolf Lake United Methodist Church.

She was born Jan. 13, 1918, in Bryan, Ohio, to Daniel and Louise (Fetzer) Oarde. On June 6, 1941 in Holgate, Ohio, she married Wendell D. Emerson, who preceded her in death Sept. 4, 1999.

Surviving are two sons, Wendell Lee Emerson of Rensselaer and the Rev. Philip R. Emerson of Lafayette; a daughter, Kaye Sorrell of Lafontaine; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at Wolf Lake United Methodist Church with the Rev. Wray McCalester officiating. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery, Morenci, Mich.

Calling is 5-9 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, 209 E. Main St., Albion, and 9-10 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

The News Sun July 2 2001

Wilburn Biglow

AVILLA — Wilburn O. Biglow, 85, died at 9:08 p.m. Saturday, June 30, 2001, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Biglow

The former resident of Wilmot was a retired yard man for Penn Central Railroad and a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II. He enjoyed baseball, fishing and hunting.

He was born Oct, 13, 1915, in Flemingsburg, Ky., to William and Emma Biglow.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Charlotte and Clarence McCormick of Avilla and Carolyn Wietfeldt of Larwill; two sons, Randy Biglow of North Webster and William Biglow of Avilla; a sister, Tansy Bishop of Fowlertown; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A sister, Edna Hepner, and two brothers, Clifton and Raymond Biglow, preceded him in death.

Services are 2 p.m. Tuesday at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Kurt B. Church officiating. Burial with military graveside rites will be at Salem Cemetery, Wilmot.

Calling is 3-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Julianna Halmagyi

KENDALLVILLE — Julianna Halmagyi, 73, died Monday, July 2, 2001, at her home south of Kendallville after a lengthy illness.

In 1956 she and her family moved from Hungary to the United States during the Hungarian Revolution. She had lived in Kendallville since 1963. She worked at Peter Eckrich Meats, Fort Wayne, from 1959-1985, and attended First Presbyterian Church, Kendallville.

Mrs. Halmagyi

She was born Sept. 23, 1927, in Mezokaszony, Hungary, to Sandor and Elizabeth (Halas) Agardi.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Attila and Kathelene Halmagyi of Kendallville; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Anna Gibson of Aurora, Colo., and Eva and Ron Fish and Sylvia and John Hahn of Kendallville; two sisters, Irene and Elizabeth of the Ukraine; a brother, Sandor Agardi of the Ukraine; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services are 4 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Stan Kessler officiating. A private family burial will be held later.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Lucy Carder

CUYAHOGA FALLS, Ohio — Lucy Ann Carder, 71, died Sunday, July 1, 2001.

The Fort Wayne native retired as a secretary from the Nisonger Center of Ohio State University after nine years.

Surviving are her husband, Howard N. Carder; a daughter, Pamela Danesis of Munroe Falls, Ohio; a son, Michael Carder of Gahanna, Ohio; a sister, Barbara Weber of Albion; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services are 9 a.m. Indiana time Friday at Clifford-Shoemaker Funeral Home, Cuyahoga Falls. Burial will be at Rose Hill Burial Park, Akron, Ohio.

Calling is 5-7 p.m. Indiana time Thursday at the funeral home.

Thomas Smith

FORT WAYNE — Thomas E. Smith, 74, died Saturday, June 30, 2001, at home.

The Fort Wayne native retired in 1989 from Sheller-Globe in Grabill after 20 years. He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret W. Smith; two sons, John C. Smith of Kendallville and David W. Smith of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Barbara N. Martinez of Texas.

Private memorial services are at a later date.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Arrangements are by Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Edna Frick

AUBURN — Edna M. Frick, 90, died at 12:25 a.m. Monday, July 2, 2001, at Wesley Manor Health Care Center.

She had worked as a cook at Miller's Restaurant, Kendallville, and at The Country Club, Coldwater, Mich.

She was born Aug. 21, 1910, in Dayton, Ohio, to Ralph and Estalla (Heeter) Ulrey. In 1959 she married Melvin Frick, who preceded her in death in 1976.

A son, Floyd Sproat Jr., and a sister, Barbara Hipshire, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Neil and April Anthony of Ashley; a daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and John Shepherd of Wawaka; a half-brother, Paul Ulrey of Fort Wayne; 20 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Waterloo Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Services Held

MARTIN, Ky. — Services for **Maralene D. Miller** were 11 a.m. Saturday, June 30, 2001, at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating.

Burial was in Orange Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Kevin and Carmellia Brown, Jon Nichols, Rick and Chastity Hyndman and Bill Wagner.

Honorary pallbearers were Terry Brown and Craig Crothers.

The following item is being rerun to correct errors.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Services for **Earl D. Gibson** were 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, 2001, at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Birtchel Mosley officiating.

Burial was at Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Donnie Owsley, Rob Conner, Matthew Taylor, Billy Ray Tuttle, John Ritchie, Sean Maxwell, Denver Patrick and Billy Ray Powers.

Honorary pallbearers were Al Simmons, Duane Howe, Chandler Terry, Duke Mullins, Alonzo Castle, Dill Neace and Damon Handshoe.

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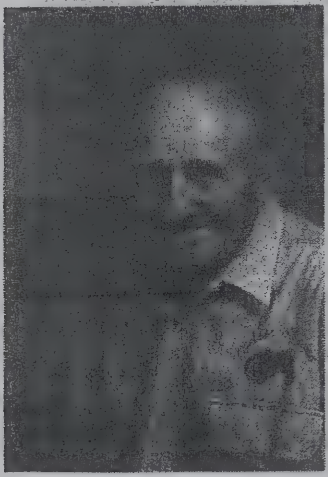
Donald Zeigler

CHURUBUSCO -- Donald O. Zeigler, 70, a resident of rural Churubusco, died unexpectedly Saturday morning, June 30, 2001 at his residence on the family farm in Smith Township.

Mr. Zeigler was born near Churubusco on March 26, 1931, a son of Jesse and Lillie Prough Zeigler, and was a lifelong resident of Smith Township.

As a young man, he served with the U.S. Army during the Korean War, and was married in Noble County on January 14, 1956 to Dorthy J. Cunningham.



He was formerly employed at Dana Corporation in Churubusco for over ten years, and was engaged in farming in Smith Township all of his life, retiring from that in 1995. He was a member of the Whitley County Farm Bureau.

Mrs. Zeigler preceded him in death on March 8, 1994.

The surviving relatives include three sons and daughters-in-law, Lee and Beth Zeigler of Ligonier, Ray and Kristine Zeigler of Kimmell, and Max and Jennifer Zeigler of Churubusco; two daughters and sons-in-law, Luann and J.C. Workman of Churubusco, and Diane and Joe Wolf of Larwill; four brothers, Clarence Zeigler of Columbia City and Jay W. Ziegler, Ralph (wife Delores) Zeigler and Allen E. and wife Jeanie Zeigler, all of Churubusco; and six sisters, Mae Wappes of Mesa, Ariz., Geraldine Growcock, Betty Crabill, and Barbara Nicodemus, all of Columbia City, and Martha Wappes and Joy Follis, both of Fort Wayne. There are eight grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and one step-great-grandchild.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Ben, Lee, John and Marshall Zeigler.

Funeral services were Tuesday at the Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Barry Fawcett, pastor of New Hope Wesleyan Church, officiating.

Interment was at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials may be directed to the American Diabetes Association.

Dorothy Emerson, 83

WOLF LAKE-Dorothy Mae Emerson, died at 10:45 p.m., Saturday, June 30, 2001, at Rolling Meadows Nursing Home, Lafontaine.

She was a legal secretary at Dana Corp., in Auburn. She lived at Wolf Lake for 20 years, moving there from Auburn. She was a member of Wolf Lake United Methodist Church.

She was born Jan. 13, 1918, in Bryan, Ohio, to Daniel and Louise (Fetzer) Oarde. On June 6, 1941 in Holgate, Ohio, she married Wendell D. Emerson, who preceded her in death, Sept. 4, 1999.

Surviving are two sons, Wendell Lee Emerson of Rensselar and the Rev. Phillip R. Emerson of Lafayette; a daughter, Kaye Sorrell of Lafontaine; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were 10 a.m. Tuesday at Wolf Lake United Methodist Church with the Rev. Wray McCalester officiating. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery, Morenci, Mich.

Memorials are to the church.

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James Jones

KENDALLVILLE — James Wesley "Jim" Jones, 71, died at 9:28 a.m. Tuesday, July 3, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, after a sudden illness.

Mr. Jones

The 1947 graduate of Monroe High School in Ohio was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving from 1947-1950. For 30 years he was in supervision with Detroit Aluminum Brass, Bellefontaine, Ohio, and Elicon Microdot, Detroit. He retired from Zannax Corp., Avilla, in 1995 after five years. He was a member of First Church of God, West Liberty, Ohio, and the Oakland Bass Anglers, Rochester Hills, Mich. An avid fisherman, he was a member of the National Fishing Lures Collectors Club for the last 20 years.

He was born Jan. 4, 1930, in Logan County, Ohio, to Lawrence R. and Mary Katherine (King) Jones. On June 20, 1950, in Bellefontaine, he married Betty Ann Schurr, who survives him in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Joianna and Jim Hay of Goodells, Mich., and Janel and Tim Lemond of Ripon, Wis.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, James L. "Skip" Jones and J. Todd and Cathy Jones, all of Sterling Heights, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Joy and Bob King of West Liberty; a brother and sister-in-law, Jerry and Sharon Jones of West Liberty; and 10 grandchildren, Natasha and Justin Jones of South Lyon, Mich., Bryon and Katie Jones of Sterling Heights, U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Joshua Jones of 29 Palms, Calif., and Brianna, North, Brynn, Thatcher and Trebeck Lemond, all of Ripon, Wis.

Services are 1 p.m. Indiana time Saturday at Christian Memorial Cultural Center, Rochester Hills, Mich., with the Rev. Dona Gilsford, Unity Church of Christ, Rochester, officiating.

Calling is 1-3 and 5-8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Kendallville Public Library.

Esther Bell

KENDALLVILLE — Esther Lucinda Bell, 74, died at 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 3, 2001, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center, after a one-month illness. She had lived there for three years.

The lifetime resident of the Kendallville area was a 1946 graduate of Kendallville High School. Years ago she worked at Star Dry Cleaners, Kendallville.

She was born April 18, 1927, in Kendallville to Mathella Maston, later Mathella (Maston) Miller, who reared her with Mrs. Bell's stepfather, Russell Miller. On June 2, 1946, in Kendallville, she married Paul Bell, who preceded her in death in March 1974.

Surviving are two sons, Rickie Bell of Angola and David Bell of Cleveland, Ohio; two daughters and a son-in-law, Rose and Larry Gillespie and Diane Pastor, all of Kendallville; three sisters, Goldie Dunkel of Kendallville, Doris Heileman of South Milford and Nancy Musser of Indianapolis; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

There are no services or calling.

Arrangements are by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Services Held

HELMER — Funeral services for **Clara B. "Todd" Boleyn** were 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 3, 2001, at Independent Full Gospel Church, Ashley, with the Revs. Ron Stambaugh and Lonzo Bough officiating.

Burial was at Brushy Prairie Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange County.

Pallbearers were Tony and Fred Schneider, Yogi Weimer, Tom Weimer Jr., Ron Krankel and Rex Miller.

Arrangements were by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Willard Foote

CHURUBUSCO — Willard A. "Bill" Foote, 58, died Tuesday, July 3, 2001, at Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago.

Mr. Foote

The Allen County native was formerly employed as a printer for the Post & Mail in Columbia City and Kruse International in Auburn. He retired in 1980 as a printer for Peter Eckrich Co., Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Marilyn Foote; four sons, Preston Foote of Albion and Troy Landon and Jared Foote, all of Churubusco; his mother, Mildred Foote of Columbia City; two sisters, Sandra Short of Fort Wayne and Darlene Jackson of Columbia City; and five grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Merriam Christian Chapel. Burial will be at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling is 3-9 p.m. Sunday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and 9-10 a.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the Merriam Christian Chapel library.

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Harold Smoots

GOSHEN — Harold J. Smoots, 79, died at 9:37 p.m. Tuesday, July 3, 2001, in the St. Elizabeth Medical Center emergency room, Lafayette.

The former Goshen resident was retired from Goshen Rubber since 1980. He was a member of Disabled American Veterans Post 15, Goshen, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 360, Mishawaka, and American Legion Post 243, Ligonier.

He was born May 25, 1922, in LaGrange to Jacob and Grace (Hougham) Smoots.

Surviving are 12 nieces and four nephews.

Five brothers, Paul, Lloyd, Russell, Ralph and Earl Smoots, and two sisters, Hazel Neff and Lorraine Smoots, preceded him in death.

There are no services. Burial will be at a later date at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Reith-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home, Goshen.

Memorials are donor's choice.

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Peggy Haviland

AVILLA — Peggy Haviland, 73, died Thursday, July 5, 2001, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

The former Avilla resident was a homemaker and a member of LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

She was born Feb. 10, 1928, in Jackson, Ky., to Harrison and Omega (Miller) Combs. On July 2, 1949, in Wawaka she married Cleo Richard Haviland, who preceded her in death July 10, 1981.

A son, Kelly Haviland, also preceded her in death in 1984.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Peggy Sue and Kenneth Amburgey of Avilla; a son, Richard C. Haviland of LaOtto; a sister and brother-in-law, Luraine and Gene Boggs of Churubusco; seven grandchildren, James, Matthew, Michael and Melissa Amburgey, Richard Brittney and Norman Haviland; and four great-grandchildren.

Services are 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Lois Watkins officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 5-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Charlotte Creech

CHURUBUSCO — Charlotte Jean Creech, 68, died Thursday, July 5, 2001, at home.

The Whitley County native retired from Dana Corp. in Churubusco.

Surviving are two daughters, Carolyn McKee of Churubusco and June Zent of Leo-Cedarville; two sons, Robert "Bob" Creech and Mark Creech, both of Fort Wayne; a brother, Carroll Trumbull of Albion; two sisters, Mable Creech of Columbia City and Grace Banning of Larwill; and five grandchildren.

Graveside services are 10 a.m. Monday at Riverview Cemetery, Churubusco.

Calling is 3-7 p.m. Sunday at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice of Whitley County.

Everett Jellison

FORT WAYNE — Everett T. Jellison, 90, died Wednesday, July 4, 2001, in Fort Wayne.

The Jay County native worked as a driver and foreman at Smith's Transfer for 43 years, retiring in 1975.

Surviving are his wife, Fernmae Jellison; a daughter, Shirley A. McCreary of Goshen; a stepdaughter, Judith K. Evans of Grabill; a stepson, David W. Roberts of Warren; a sister, Irene I. Hopkins of Howe; a brother, Charles M. Jellison of Sturgis, Mich.; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church, 10145 Maysville Road. Burial will be at Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, and 10-11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Bueford Childers

KENDALLVILLE — Bueford Childers, 64, died at 1:17 p.m. Thursday, July 5, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Among survivors is his wife, Shirley Childers of Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Robert Fielden

ORLANDO, Fla. — Robert Fielden, 80, died at midnight this morning, Friday, July 6, 2001, at the family residence in Orlando, Fla., after an extended illness.

He was a former resident of Churubusco.

Among survivors is his wife, Eileen Fielden.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Judson Taylor

COLUMBIA CITY — Judson W. Taylor, 85, died Wednesday, July 4, 2001, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

He retired as outside operation manager from Northeastern REMC in 1978 after 35 years. He also worked 10 years on the railroad. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II. He was past president of the Kiwanis Club of Columbia City.

Surviving are his wife, Thelma Taylor; a daughter, Myrna Sue Mullins of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Theda Neel of Huntington; a stepson, Alvin Miller of Warsaw; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

His first wife, Ruth Taylor, and a son, David Taylor, preceded him in death.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial will be at Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne, with military rites by Kendallville American Legion Post 86.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Services Held

AUBURN — Graveside services for Edna M. Frick were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 5, 2001, at Waterloo Cemetery with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating.

Pallbearers were Steve, Mike and Junior Anthony and Roger, Tom and Bill Miller.

Arrangements were by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Robert Fieldon

ORLANDO, Fla. — Robert Fieldon, 80, formerly of the Churubusco area, died at midnight early Friday morning, July 6, 2001, at the family residence in Orlando after an extended illness.

Mr. Fielden

On Jan. 23, 1921, in Jefferson County, Tenn., he was born to Carl West and Lucy Garrett Loy Fieldon. He married Eileen Poole in Cleveland, Ohio, on April 3, 1948. She survives.

He moved to Cleveland with his parents as an infant, and his formative years were spent there. He graduated from West Tech High School in Cleveland.

Mr. Fieldon moved to this area in 1964 when he joined Insurance and Risk Management in Fort Wayne as its claims attorney.

After earning a doctor of jurisprudence degree from Cleveland Marshall Law School, he was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1952.

He served with the U.S. Army Air Corps in the South Pacific in World War II, and received his bachelor of arts degree from Western Reserve University, majoring in economics.

His 30 years of experience in insurance included duties as an agent, underwriter, claims adjuster and organizer and developer of the company's claims staff.

Prior to moving to the Fort Wayne area, Mr. Fielden was elected mayor of Westfield Center, Ohio.

He was active in Rotary, Lions Club, Delta Upsilon Delta Theta Phi, Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite and Mizpah Temple.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Van and Debbie Fielden, and Wesley Fieldon, all of Orlando; a daughter, Delane Diller of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A son, Barclay Robert Fieldon, preceded him in death on Oct. 24, 1987, and a brother, Carl Joseph Fieldon, also preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco, with the Rev. Stan Buck, pastor of Sunrise at Aboite United Methodist Church, officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or to VITAS Hospice Charitable Fund, PMB, 445, 3208-C East Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, is in charge of arrangements.

Bueford Childers

KENDALLVILLE — Bueford "Dave" Childers, 64, of Kendallville, died Thursday, July 5, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Born on May 3, 1937, in Garrett, Knott County, Ky., he was the son of Jay and Ellen (Chafins) Childers. On July 26, 1958, in Kendallville, he married Shirley Ann Herron. She survives.

He worked for 34 years at Silgan Plastics, Ligonier, and was a member of the International Order of Odd Fellows in Kendallville.

Surviving in addition to his wife are four sons and a daughter-in-law, Ferlin Childers, Pernell Childers, Benji Childers and Stanley and Dara Childers, all of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Autumn and Gerald Garn of Kendallville; three brothers, Cap Childers of Dema, Ky., Edsel Childers of Avilla; and Oscar Childers of Willard, Ohio; nine grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Preceding him in death were a daughter, Becky Lou Childers, in 1962; a sister, Zeda Childers; and a granddaughter, Amanda Childers, in 1964.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Pastor Earl Rose officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery in DeKalb County.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, and one hour prior to the services.

Joseph Mynhier

ELKHART — Joseph Harold Mynhier, 81, formerly of Kimmell, died Friday, July 6, 2001, at 10:35 p.m. in Elkhart General Hospital.

He was a retired mail carrier. He was a member of Kimmell United Methodist Church of Ligonier and the American Legion Post No. 234. He was a veteran of the Army Air Force, serving from 1940 until 1945. He graduated from Ligonier High School.

He was born on June 29, 1920, in Henry County, Ind., to Joseph and Eve (Hunt) Mynhier. They preceded him in death.

He married Alice V. (Bair) Mynhier on Aug.t 4, 1944, in Leesburg. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Terrance LaNouette of Elkhart; two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael D. and Margaret Mynhier of Marietta, Ga., and Joseph E. and Vivian Mynhier of Zionsville; two sisters, Mildred Rigel of Muncie and Pauline Horine of Indianapolis; two brothers, Robert Mynhier of Maryland and Roy Mynhier of Ligonier; five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Violet freeman.

Services are at 2 p.m. Mon., July 9 at Kimmell United Methodist Church. Reverand Randy Miller will officiate.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier and one hour before services at the church.

Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Carlton Paulus

LAOTTO — Carlton "Gene" Paulus, 73, died Wed., July 4, 2001, at home.

Mr. Paulus was a tool and pattern maker and an experimental machinist for Foley Pattern in Auburn. He retired in 1990. He was also a World War II Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Betty I. Paulus; two sons, Steven M. Paulus of Lisle, Ill., and Gene D. Paulus, of Denton, Texas; two daughters, Deborah K. Godsell of Fort Wayne and Susan E. Gleeson of Lewistown, Montana; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Private family services were held.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice.

Beverly Reynolds

SAN DIEGO — Beverly W. Reynolds, 70, died Sat., July 7, 2001.

She retired from Shell Petroleum Company in Deer Park, Texas, in 1995, where she worked as a dispatcher. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, who formerly managed the Uniform Printing and Supply Co. of Kendallville.

Surviving are two sons, Steve Reynolds, of Houston, Texas, and Greg Reynolds, of Chula Vista, Calif.; a sister, Eleanor, of Kendallville; and two nieces, Debbie Anspaugh of Mesa, Ariz. and Susan Conley, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Services will be held Mon., July 9, at Midway Baptist Church, 2460, Palm Avenue, San Diego.

Ruth Michael

BUTLER — Ruth Michael, 93, died Sat., July 7, 2001, at 3:15 a.m. at Laurels of DeKalb.

Mrs. Michael was a homemaker and a member of Butler United Methodist Church. She was a 50-year member of Forest Chapter No. 44 OES.

She was born on Feb. 13, 1908, in Fort Wayne, to Charles and Ethel (Barrus) Stauffer.

She married Roy K. Michael on Dec. 24, 1926. He died March 31, 1996.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Polly Michael of Fort Wayne; two daughters and one son-in-law, Doris and Jerry Hamman of Lake of the Ozarks, Mo. and Nila Muzzillo, of Auburn; one sister, Mary Harper, of Jacksonville, Fla.; 11 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Charles E. Stauffer, one sister Gladys Yeager and one son-in-law, Lee Muzzillo.

Services will be Tuesday, July 10, at 11:00 a.m. at H.E. Johnson and Son Funeral Home. Pastor Dennis Leinbach will officiate.

Calling is from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Mon., July 9, at H.E. Johnson and Son Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Butler United Methodist Church.

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Rozella Marsh

AVILLA — Rozella M. Marsh, 98, died Sat., July 7, 2001, at 3:25 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Marsh was a telephone operator for Indiana Bell. She retired in 1961. She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America and the Church of God in Kendallville.

Mrs. Marsh was born on April 7, 1903, in Kendallville to Fred and Elizabeth (Neuschwander) Marti.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Sharon Marsh of Muncie; two grandsons, Philip Marsh, of Tucson, Ariz. and Howard Herendeen of Fairlawn, Ohio; five granddaughters, Melissa Rothecker, of Dover, Ark., Jennifer Marsh of Muncie, Sandra Barnes of Fort Wayne, Susan Case of Fishers, and Kelly Lindsay of Muncie; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, one sister and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Jim Kind will officiate. Visitation will be on Mon., July 9, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Church of God in Kendallville.

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Nelson Roscoe

KENDALLVILLE — Nelson Hyre Roscoe, 87, died at 6:15 p.m. Saturday, July 7, 2001, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

The lifetime Albion area resident was a retired Noble County farmer and a truck owner-operator for Reith-Reily. He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church, Albion, and Albion Lodge 97 of the F&AM.

He was born Dec. 2, 1913, in York Township, Noble County, to Nelson J.C. and Hazel L. (Hyre) Roscoe. On June 9, 1935, in Goshen, he married Margaret A. "Sally" Huntsman, who preceded him in death Nov. 15, 1993.

A brother, John C. Roscoe, and a sister, Zoevelda Frymier-Willits, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Roselyn and Myron Johnson and Becky Clewell, all of Albion; two stepbrothers, Jim and Wayne Applegate, both of Albion; four grandchildren, Kelly Miller of Garrett, Amy Parker of Fort Wayne, Carrie Clewell of Tampa, Fla., and Ted Clewell of Lehigh Acres, Fla.; five great-grandchildren; and a special friend, Marie Schwartz of Kendallville.

Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at Asbury United Methodist Church, Albion, with the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating. Burial will be at Merriam Chapel Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, 209 E. Main St., Albion, and 9-10 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

The following obituary is being reprinted to provide additional information.

Rozella Marsh

KENDALLVILLE — Rozella M. Marsh, 98, died Saturday, July 7, 2001, at 3:25 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

She was a telephone operator for Indiana Bell, retiring in 1961. She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America and the Church of God, Kendallville.

She was born April 7, 1903, in Kendallville to Fred and Elizabeth (Neuschwander) Marti.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Sharon Marsh of Muncie; two grandsons, Philip Marsh of Tucson, Ariz., and Howard Herendeen of Fairlawn, Ohio; five granddaughters, Melissa Rothecker of Dover, Ark., Jennifer Marsh of Muncie, Sandra Barnes of Fort Wayne, Susan Case of Fishers, and Kelly Lindsay of Muncie; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Jess and William Marti; a sister, Marguerite; a daughter, Elizabeth Herendeen; and a great-grandchild.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Jim Kind officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Church of God in Kendallville.

Dorothy Meek

HUDSON — Dorothy Meek, 86, died Saturday, July 7, 2001, at 12:20 p.m. in Angola. Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Services Held

AVILLA — Funeral services for **Peggy Haviland** were 1:30 p.m. Sunday, July 8, 2001, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Lois Watkins officiating.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Pallbearers were Kenneth, James, Matthew and Michael Amburgey and Richard E. and Richard C. Haviland.

KENDALLVILLE — Graveside services for **James Wesley Jones** were 1 p.m. Saturday, July 7, 2001, at Christian Memorial Cultural Center, Rochester, Mich., with the Rev. Thomas Clothier officiating.

Pallbearers were Bryon and Josh Jones, Tim Lemond, Jim Hay, Steve DePew and Bill Canchon.

Arrangements were by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Leo Carper

SPENCERVILLE — Leo R. Carper, 66, died Monday, July 9, 2001, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Carper was a lifetime DeKalb County resident and a member of the Spencerville United Methodist Church.

He worked as a machinist at Zollner Piston in Fort Wayne before retiring after 40 years of service. He moved to New Port Richey, Fla., in 1997.

He was born in Auburn on July 21, 1934, to George W. and Mary E. (Beaty) Carper.

He married Mary Anne Fogle on Nov. 21, 1952, in Auburn and she survives in New Port Richey.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, George and Cindy Carper of Auburn, Leo Jr. and Chris Carper of Grabill, David and Jama Carper of Hamilton, and Philip and Renee Carper of Fort Wayne; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Cora and Doug Fisher of Huntertown, Linda Webb of Auburn and Beth Ann and Mike Jettinghoff of Fort Wayne; one brother, Donald Carper of Sandusky, Mich.; three sisters, Mary Jane Handshoe of Wawaka, Shirley Vogts of Fort Wayne and Bonnie Hopkins of St. Joe; 13 grandchildren and six great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Carper was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Dorothy Harker and Gladys Warstler; six brothers, Jim Webb, Forrest Carper, Floyd Carper, George Carper Jr., Merle Carper and Lawrence Carper; and one grandson, Joshua Carper.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Spencerville United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn, with the Rev. Mark Hambrock officiating.

Calling is Wednesday from noon-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to the Spencerville United Methodist Church.

William Gatton

HUNTINGTON — William D. Gatton, 88, died at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, July 8, 2001, at Norwood Nursing Home, Huntington.

He was employed as an emergency medical technician at Zollner Corp., Fort Wayne, retiring in 1979 after 21 years. He was a member of Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Huntington.

He was born April 17, 1913, in Fort Wayne to William C. and Stella B. (Offenloch) Gatton. On Sept. 10, 1932 at St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, he married Martha Snyder, who preceded him in death Feb. 28, 1997.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Kevin Gatton; a brother, Charles Gatton; three sisters, Gertrude Hazelet, Rosalie Voudouris and Helen Doughman; and three great-grandchildren.

Surviving are four daughters, Judith Landgraff of Kendallville, Diane Shoptaw of Huntington, Teresa Gatton of Worthington, Ohio, and Mary M. Gatton of Shallotte, N.C.; four sons, William F., John D. and Geoffrey L. Gatton, all of Fort Wayne, and Michael J. Gatton of Carmel; a brother, Richard Gatton of Fort Wayne; two sisters, May Sauer and Eleanor Doehla, both of Fort Wayne; 22 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial is 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 860 Cherry St., Huntington, with Father Ronald Rieder officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. today at Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, with a rosary said there at 7 p.m.

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222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Memorials are to the family.

Jacob Mullett

LAGRANGE — Jacob Wayne Mullett, 15, died Sunday, July 8, 2001, in a fire at his home.

The family moved to LaGrange from Vallonia 1 1/2 weeks ago. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born March 10, 1986, in Boling, Texas, to LeRoy H. and Lizzie Ann (Raber) Mullett, who survive in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a grandmother, Mattie Raber of Topeka; seven sisters and two brothers-in-law, Miriam and Orva Yoder and Nancy Ann, Amanda Marie and Oleta Marie Mullett, all of LaGrange, Rachel and Levi Bontrager and Mattie Ellen Mullett, all of Pardeeville, Wis., and Esther Marie Mullett of Clare, Mich.; six brothers and two sisters-in-law, Vernon Ray Mullett of Kentucky, Alfred and Rosetta Mullett of Pardeeville, LeRoy Mullett Jr. and Juanita Mullett of Scottsburg, and Henry Jay, Howard Lee and Benedict Mullett, all of LaGrange; and 15 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Wilbur Mullett, two grandfathers and a grandmother.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the Perry Hochstetler home, 3575E C.R. 225N, LaGrange, with Bishop John Mishler and the Rev. Dennis Bontrager officiating. Burial will be at Bloomfield Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is after 4 p.m. today and all day Wednesday at the Hochstetler home.

Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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John 'Bo' Cantwell II

BLOOMINGTON — John C. "Bo" Cantwell II, 16, of Bloomington, died Saturday, July 7, 2001, at Bloomington Hospital from injuries sustained in an automobile accident June 30.

He was a Bloomington North High School student who would have been a junior this year. He was a two-year member of the boys golf team at Bloomington North. He enjoyed baseball, snowboarding, hunting and fishing and was an avid Indianapolis Colts fan. He was a black belt in Tae Kwon Do.

He was born May 28, 1985 in Bloomington to John C. and P. Margarete (Purnell) Cantwell. They survive.

Also surviving are a paternal grandmother, Mary L. Cantwell of Rome City; a maternal grandmother, Nancy Anne Purnell of Homewood, Ill.; and a maternal great-grandmother, Mae Purnell of Kenora, Ontario, Canada.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Walter Purnell and Howard C. Cantwell.

A celebration of life service will be held Friday at 6 p.m. in Garton Hall at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Bloomington.

Memorials are to the Bo Cantwell Memorial Fund for Hook a Kid on Golf, c/o Bloomington Parks and Recreation Foundation, P.O. Box 848, Bloomington, IN 47402.

Joann Spillner

KENDALLVILLE — Joann Spillner, 61, died at 6:30 a.m. Monday, July 9, 2001, at home after a two-year illness.

She had lived in Kendallville 11 years, coming from Ohio. She was a sales clerk at Kmart, retiring in 1991. She was a member of American Legion Auxiliary Post 86.

She was born Oct. 14, 1939, in Hamilton, Ohio, to Carl and Marie (Biskop) Schultheiss. On July 10, 1978, in Fort Wayne she married Jack Eugene Spillner, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Paul Greve of Winston-Salem, N.C.; two stepdaughters, Linda Allen of Wolcottville and Kay Campbell of Kendallville; two stepsons, Charles Spillner of Fairfield, Ohio, and Robert E. Spillner of Kendallville; 16 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two nieces; and two special friends, Marie Odle of Fort Wayne and Shirley Cooper of Hamilton, Ohio.

Two brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

There are no services.

Calling is 1-3 p.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren.

Jean Jordan

AUBURN — Jean Jordan, 68, died Monday, July 9, 2001, at her residence in Auburn.

Mrs. Jordan was a clerical worker, retiring in 1998. She was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren and a past member of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

She was born July 18, 1932, in South Bend to Harold T. and Alvertia M. (Yeoman) Redman.

On Aug. 21, 1964, she married Franklin D. Jordan. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law: Richard and Sherry Jordan of Waterloo, Harold and Jane Jordan of Mamer, Luxembourg and Michael Jordan of Angola; three daughters and sons-in-law, Vickie and Timothy Day of Avilla, Michele and Seth Swartz of Waterloo and Carrie Jo and Ike Hidy of Avilla; one sister, Jeanette Caccamo of Fort Wayne; 20 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

One brother preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Donald Shankster officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **Bueford "Dave" Childers** were 11 a.m. Monday, July 9, 2001, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Pastor Earl Rose officiating.

Burial was at Fairfield Center Cemetery, DeKalb County.

Pallbearers were Carson Slone Jr., Oscar Monroe, the Rev. Sam Weimer, Kenny Herron, Gerald Garn and Bill Childers.

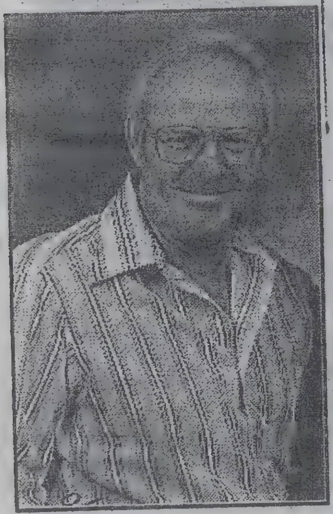
Honorary pallbearers were Carson Slone Jr., Harold Richardson and Omar Gabbart.

ALBION NEW ERA July 11, 2001

Willard A. Foote

CHURUBUSCO -- Willard A. "Bill" Foote, 58, of Churubusco in Noble County, died at 2:10 p.m. Tuesday, July 3, 2001, at the Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago where he had been a patient for the past week. He had been in declining health for over 25 years.

Mr. Foote was born on December 11, 1942, in Allen County, a son of Alton J. and Mildred Croy Foote. His early years were spent at Blue Lake before moving with his parents to Fort Wayne as a youth, where he graduated from Northside High School in 1961.



As a young man he was employed as a printer for the *Post & Mail* in Columbia City, and was married to Marilyn L. Delanoy in Columbia City on March 26, 1966. The couple spent all their married life in Green Township, north of Churubusco.

He later worked as a printer for Kruse International in Auburn, and was also employed in the same position with the Peter Eckrich Company in Fort Wayne, retiring from there in 1980 due to ill health.

Mr. Foote attended the Merriam Christian Chapel.

The surviving relatives include his wife Marilyn; four sons, Troy (wife Stacy), Landon (wife Kacye), and Jared Foote, all of Churubusco, and Preston Foote of Albion; his mother, Mildred Foote of Columbia City; two sisters, Sandra Short of Fort Wayne, and Darlene Jackson of Columbia City; his father and mother-in-law, Robert and Pauline Delanoy of Albion; and five grandchildren.

A brother, Thomas Foote, died on May 17, 1983.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 9, 2001, at the Merriam Christian Chapel with Pastor Terry A. Zolman, officiating.

Interment was in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco was in charge of the arrangements.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Merriam Christian Chapel Library Fund.

Nelson Hyre Roscoe, 87

Nelson Hyre Roscoe, 87, died at 6:15 p.m. on Saturday, July 7, 2001 at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

He was born on December 2, 1913 in York Township, Noble County Indiana to Nelson J. C. and Hazel L. (Hyre) Roscoe.

On June 9, 1935 in Goshen he married Margaret "Sally" A. Huntsman. She died on November 15, 1993.

He was a lifetime resident of Albion and a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion and Albion Lodge #97 F & AM.

Mr. Nelson was a retired farmer and a truck owner/operator for Reith-Reily.

Surviving are two daughters: Mrs. Myron (Roselyn) Johnson and Becky Clewell both of Albion; four grandchildren, Kelly Miller of Garrett, Amy Parker of Ft. Wayne, Carrie Clewell of Tampa, Fla. and Ted Clewell of Lehigh Acres, Fla.; five great-grandchildren.

Also surviving is a special friend, Marie Schwartz of Kendallville and two step-brothers, Jim and Wayne Applegate both of Albion.

He was preceded in death by one brother John C. Roscoe and one sister Zoevelda Frymier-Willits

Services were held on Wednesday, July 11, 2001 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion with the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating. Burial was in Merriam Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Preferred memorials are to Parkview/Noble Hospice.

Lucy Carder, 71

CUYAGHA FALLS, Oh Lucy Ann Carder, 71, died Sunday, July 1, 2001.

The Fort Wayne native retired as a secretary from the Nisonger Center of Ohio State University after nine years.

Surviving are her husband Howard N. Carder; a daughter Pamela Danesis of Munroe Falls, Ohio; a son Michael Carder of Gahanna, Ohio; sister, Barbara Weber Albion; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Services were 9 a.m. Indiana time Friday, July 6 2001 at Clifford-Shoemaker Funeral Home, Cuyahoga Falls. Burial was at Rose Hill Burial Park, Akron, Ohio.

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Charlotte Jean Creech, 68

Charlotte Jean Greech, 68, of Churubusco passed away Thursday, July 5, 2001 at 4:05 a.m. at home. She was born September 23, 1932 in Smith Township to Floyd Trumbull and Mary Knight Trumbull.

She retired from Dana Corporation in Churubusco, IN. She graduated from Churubusco High School.

She is survived by two daughters, Carolyn & (Steve) McKee of Churubusco and Judy & (Jim) Zent of Leo; two sons, Robert (Bob) & Rita Creech of Ft. Wayne and Mark Creech of Ft. Wayne; a brother, Carl Trumbull of Albion; two sisters, Mable Creech of Columbia City and Grace Branning of Larwill; five granddaughters and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were Monday, July 9, 2001 at Riverside Cemetery, Churubusco with Pastor Lane Burland officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Parkview Hospice of Whitley County.

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Dorothy Meek

HUDSON — Dorothy Emma Pfingstag Meek, 86, of Hudson, died Saturday, July 7, at 12:20 p.m. in Angola.

She formerly lived in Lorain, Ohio; Mount Lebanon, Pa.; Green Valley, Ariz.; and Pinnacle, N.C.

She was born Jan. 11, 1915, in Hudson as the sixth and youngest child of Richard J. and Emma Mosshammer Pfingstag.

Mrs. Meek was a talented musician, active as a pianist, violinist and cornetist during her early years in the school systems of Hudson and Pleasant Lake, and continuing her performing throughout her life.

Following graduation from UCLA in 1936, she became supervisor of instrumental music in the Steuben County schools. In later years, she taught instrumental music in the public schools of Lorain and Sheffield Lake, Ohio.

In addition, she directed church choirs, handbell groups and women's vocal groups. She also provided piano accompaniment for numerous instrumental and vocal soloists.

In 1957, her family of six children was named Family of the Year for Lorain County, Ohio.

In 1945, she became a member of the Order of Eastern Star in Lorain, Ohio, and she served as Worthy Matron of the Mount Lebanon, Pa., chapter in 1976.

In 1950, she became a charter member of the Lorain, Ohio, Assembly of the Social Order of Beauceant. She served this organization on the national level, first as the Supreme Director of Music, then rising to the highest national office of Supreme Worthy President in 1966-67.

During her years in Green Valley, Ariz., Mrs. Meek was a member of the Green Valley Band, the Beaver Band of Tucson and the Chamber Music Society, and was a founding member of the Good Shepherd UCC Church.

She was a former member of the Grace Moravian Church of Mount Airy, N.C. She attended Fairview Missionary Church of Angola.

She married Charles Jackson Meek on June 15, 1939. He died June 22, 1996.

Surviving are four sons, Charles Richard Meek of Lubbock, Texas, David Paul Meek of Library, Pa., Alan Loar Meek of Charlottesville, Va., and the Rev. Dr. Lowell Jackson Meek of Elizabeth, Pa.; two daughters, Carol Ann O'Connor of Pinnacle, N.C., Barbara Kowalczyk Ervin of Hudson; 20 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Her grandchildren include Brad and Stephanie Kowalczyk of Auburn, Cara Lynn Cummins of Hudson and Alicia and Jay Sutton of Kendallville.

Memorial services will be held Aug. 6 at 11 a.m. at Fairview Missionary Church, Angola, with her son, the Rev. Dr. Lowell Jackson Meek, officiating. Johnson Funeral Home of Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Hudson United Brethren Church.

Vera Troyer

LAGRANGE — Vera Ellen Troyer, 90, died at 4:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 10, 2001, at home in rural LaGrange.

The homemaker moved to LaGrange from Nappanee in 1935. She was a member of Plato Mennonite Church, LaGrange.

She was born April 25, 1911, in Bloomfield, Mont., to Francis B. and Magdalena (Wagler) Miller. On April 21, 1935, in LaGrange, she married the Rev. Willis C. Troyer, who survives.

Surviving are three daughters, Helen Egli of Wolcottville, Leona Overholt of Sarasota, Fla., and Lena Delagrange of Fort Wayne; five sons, Donald W. and Philip E. Troyer, both of LaGrange, R. Bruce Troyer of Howe, Verlin W. Troyer of Millersburg and Willis C. Troyer of Caledonia, Mich.; two sisters, Clara Blucker and Ruth Leatherman, both of Goshen; two brothers, the Rev. Philip E. Miller of Chesapeake, Va., and Francis Miller Jr. of Virginia Beach, Va.; 25 grandchildren; and 39 great-grandchildren.

A brother, Roy F. Miller, preceded her in death.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Shore Mennonite Church, Shipshewana, with the Revs. Richard E. Martin and Philip E. Miller officiating. Burial will be at Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Shore Mennonite Church.

Memorials are to Plato Mennonite Church or Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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This obituary is being republished with additional information.

Jean Jordan

AUBURN — Jean Jordan, 68, died Monday, July 9, 2001, at her residence in Auburn.

Mrs. Jordan was a clerical worker, retiring in 1998. She was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren and a past member of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

She was born July 18, 1932, in South Bend to Harold T. and Alvertia M. (Yeoman) Redman.

On Aug. 21, 1964, she married Franklin D. Jordan. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law: Richard and Sherry Jordan of Waterloo, Harold and Jone Jordan of Mamer, Luxembourg and Michael Jordan of Angola; three daughters and sons-in-law, Vickie and Timothy Day of Avilla, Michele and Seth Swartz of Waterloo and Carrie Jo and Ike Hidy of Avilla; one sister, Jeanette Caccamo of Fort Wayne; 19 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

One brother and one granddaughter preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Donald Shankster officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren.

Gene Purcell

LAGRANGE — Gene L. Purcell, 78, died at 11:35 a.m. Wednesday, July 11, 2001, at home in rural LaGrange.

He moved from Greenfield to LaGrange in 1960. He was retired from American Natural Resources. He was a member of South Milford Church of Christ, Meridian Sun Lodge 76 of the F.&A.M., Sylvan Chapter 251 of the O.E.S., Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne, the LaGrange County Shrine Club, LaGrange American Legion Post 215, and York Rite of Knightstown. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II.

He was born Aug. 5, 1922, in Shelby County to Clyde R. and Edith M. (Church) Purcell. On Dec. 5, 1947, in Marion County, he married Loretta M. Tracy, who survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are two daughters, Teia Wagenschutz of Martin, Mich., and Trenia Bowen of LaGrange; two sons, Tracy J. Purcell of Farmington Hills, Mich., and Timothi A. Purcell of Warrenton, Mo.; two sisters, Lorene Carley of Shelbyville and Martha Marshall of Morristown; three brothers, Clyde W. and Carl E. Purcell, both of Morristown, and Max D. Purcell of Knightstown; and seven grandchildren.

A sister and four brothers preceded him in death.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Gwynneville Christian Church, Gwynneville, with the Rev. Michael Booher officiating. Burial will be at Asbury Cemetery, Morristown.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with an 8 p.m. Masonic service there.

Memorials are to South Milford Church of Christ or the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children.

Ethel Fry Leeson

CHURUBUSCO — Ethel M. Fry Leeson, of Churubusco, died Wednesday, July 11, 2001, at 4:21 p.m. in Whitley Memorial Hospital in Columbia City. She suffered a stroke on July 2 and had been a patient at the hospital since then.

Mrs. Leeson

Mrs. Leeson was employed at Magnavox in Fort Wayne for 35 years, retiring as a supervisor in 1975. She was a member of the Garrett Church of the Nazarene and later the Church of the Nazarene in Churubusco.

She was born May 16, 1915, in Allen County to Harvey H. and Elsie (Green) Graves, and spent her childhood in Eel River Township. In 1933 she married James W. Fry and lived in Lake Township in Allen County. He died Aug. 3, 1963.

In 1967, she moved to rural Garrett following her marriage to Donald Leeson, and lived there for 32 years until moving to Churubusco in 1999. Mr. Leeson died in 1997.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, James F. and Demaris Fry and Donald L. and Roxann Fry, all of Churubusco; one brother and sister-in-law, Dale and Rickie Graves of Fort Wayne; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Norma Jean and Ernest Gaines and Gladys and Herbert Giant, all of Fort Wayne, and Garnet Truman of Marion; six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and a great-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Edith Van Fleet and Virginia Wilkins.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene. Its pastor, the Rev. Paul D. White, will officiate. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling is at the church Friday from 9:30 a.m. until the service begins.

Memorials are to the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene.

Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Carolyn Trubey

WATERLOO — Carolyn J. Trubey, 61, died Wednesday, July 11, 2001, at 7:33 a.m. in her Auburn home.

Mrs. Trubey was a bookkeeper for 25 years, retiring in 1998. She was a member of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church and served as a Cub Scout leader in Waterloo.

She was born in Auburn on July 23, 1939, to Albert and Olive Beatrice (Wilson) Weicht.

She married Max Trubey on Nov. 7, 1958, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Patti Trubey of Garrett; one daughter, Debra Fike of Waterloo; one daughter-in-law, Tracey Trubey of Kendallville; two sisters, Doris Menges of LaGrange and Phyllis Kummer of Waterloo; two stepbrothers, Verl Johnson of Fort Wayne and Leonard Johnson of Waterloo; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

One brother and one son, Duane Trubey, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Douglas Barber officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Norris Chapel United Methodist Church and DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

George Lewis

KENDALLVILLE — George A. Lewis, 59, died Tuesday evening, July 10, 2001, at home in Kendallville following an apparent heart attack.

The former Portland resident was an employee of Tenneco Automotive Co., Ligonier.

Arrangements are pending at Williamson & Spencer Funeral Home Portland Chapel, Portland.

Former area principal, Carol Tieman, 58, dies

COLUMBIA CITY — Carol A. Tieman, 58, died at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, 2001, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne, where she had been admitted Tuesday.

The resident of rural Columbia City spent her formative years in Fort Wayne and Evansville. She graduated from Central Catholic High School, Fort Wayne, and Saint Francis College, from which she received a master's degree as a reading specialist. She received her administrative certification from Indiana University, Fort Wayne. She and her husband have lived at their present home at Tri-Lakes since 1987.

She taught second grade at Wolf Lake Elementary for four years and was principal at Albion Elementary School for five years and Wabash City School for three years. She was a reading specialist at Churubusco Elementary School for many years. She was affiliated with St. Paul of the Cross and Blessed Sacrament Catholic churches. She was a member of the Indiana State Reading Specialists Association, of which she served as president, and the National Association of School Principals.

She was born July 26, 1942, in Fort Wayne to Maurice and Marjorie (Krone) Dorsam. On June 17, 1967, she married Frederick M. Tieman, who survives.

Mrs. Tieman

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Matthew Tieman of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Andrew and Catherine Tieman of Newburyport, Mass.; a daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Dean Karbler of Columbus, Ohio; a sister, Nancy Wallace of Brimfield; and two grandsons, Austin and Tyler Karbler.

Funeral mass will be 9 a.m. Saturday at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, 315 S. Line St. Columbia City, with Fathers Dale Bauman and Sextus Don officiating. Burial will be at Catholic Cemetery, Columbia City.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. today at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City, and an hour before mass at the church. Rosary services are 4:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Carol Tieman Scholarship Fund or masses.

George Lewis

KENDALLVILLE — George A. Lewis, 59, died Tuesday, July 10, 2001, at home in Kendallville after an apparent heart attack.

The former Portland resident was currently employed at Tenneco Automotive Co., Ligonier, and had worked at Kendallville Foundry for over 10 years. While in Portland he had worked at Balestran Corp.

He was a member of the Kendallville American Legion, the Eagles Lodge and the Moose Lodge. He was a 1959 graduate of Gov. I.P. Gray High School, rural Jay County, and served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1959-1963.

He was born Dec. 1, 1941, in Jay County to Carl F. and Amanda Elizabeth (Upp) Lewis.

Surviving are a son, Victor Lewis of Pierceton; a daughter, Kimberly L. Lewis of Potland; three brothers and sisters-in-law, David and Sharon Lewis and Tom and Maryanne Lewis, all of Portland, and Ted and Bessie Lewis of Waldo, Ark.; two sisters, Betty Moses of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Mary Sue Thurman of Jonesboro; two sisters-in-law, Theresa Lewis of Huntington and Maxine Lewis of Portland; and three grandchildren.

Two brothers, Jerry and Jim Lewis, preceded him in death.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home Portland Chapel with Pastor John Gibson officiating. Burial will be at Hillside Cemetery, Pennville, with military graveside rites by the Portland American Legion.

Calling is 3-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

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Phillip Stout

LIGONIER — Phillip Lee Stout, 76, died unexpectedly at 9:41 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, 2001, at Goshen General Hospital. He had been in declining health.

Mr. Stout

The lifetime Noble County resident was employed with the Indiana State Police for 29 1/2 years, retiring as a sergeant. After retirement he worked in security. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II.

He was a member of Richville United Methodist Church, West Noble American Legion Post 243 and Pioneers of Indiana State Police. Following high school he attended Indiana University and Mississippi State. He enjoyed IU basketball, the Chicago Cubs, traveling, camping, playing euchre and antiquing.

He was born Feb. 20, 1925, in Kendallville to Frank Homer and Ethel E. (Kehr) Stout. On Aug. 15, 1948, at Mt. Pleasant Church, Albion, he married Wanda Lee Truelove, who survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are five sons and three daughters-in-law, Kirk Stout, Robert and Rebecca Stout and Mark Stout, all of Ligonier, John and Julie Stout of Syracuse and Michael and Laura Stout of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Connie Groscost of Fort Wayne and Joyce and Robin Miller of Ligonier; two brothers, David Stout of Kendallville and Thomas Stout of Ligonier; 13 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Monday at Richville United Methodist Church with the Rev. Tom Weigand officiating. Burial with military services will be at Sparta Cemetery.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the church or the Legion post.

Dr. Laura Solien

LAGRANGE — Laura A. Solien D.V.M., 42, died at 5:50 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, 2001, in an auto accident at LaGrange C.R. 1000W and U.S. 20.

She was a veterinarian at Maplecrest Animal Hospital, Goshen, who moved to LaGrange from Chicago, Ill., in 1996. She was licensed to practice veterinary medicine in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. She was a member of the American Veterinarian Association and the American Dressage Association. She was an avid horsewoman.

She was born Oct. 11, 1958, in St. Louis, Mo., to Joseph H. and Luanne (Warmbold) Solien, who survive in Eustis, Fla.

Also surviving are two sisters, Susan Kicklighter and Barbara Richards, both of Umatilla, Fla.; a niece; a nephew; and her companion, David R. Denham of LaGrange.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, LaGrange, with the Rev. Paul Faroh officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Nelson Hyre Roscoe** were at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 11, 2001, at Asbury United Methodist Church, Albion, with the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating.

Burial was at Merriam Chapel Cemetery.

Pallbearers were James L. and Scott Applegate, Ted Clewell, Brenton Elser, Joe Huntsman and Kenny Miller.

Steve Huntsman was honorary pallbearer.

Arrangements were by Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

Norris Slabaugh

LAGRANGE — Norris E. Slabaugh, 85, died at 12:55 a.m. Thursday, July 12, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The lifetime LaGrange resident was a retired purchasing agent from Duo-Therm Dometic and worked at Kirsch Co. He was LaGrange County clerk from 1940-1942 and was a LaGrange County probation officer after retirement. He served in the U.S. Air Force in World War II. He was a member of LaGrange American Legion Post 215, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Elks Lodge of Sturgis and the Moose Lodge of LaGrange.

He was born March 28, 1916, in Midland, Mich., to Noah E. and Eva May (Norris) Slabaugh. On Jan. 21, 1936, in Crown Point he married Janet A. Price, who survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jan and Preston Pilgrim of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Nicholas E. and Ann Slabaugh of Indianapolis; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a daughter, Ann Kimmel on Nov. 30, 1979, and a sister, Irene Link.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2-5 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

THE NEWS-SUN SATURDAY, JULY 14, 2001

Jean Howlett

CHURUBUSCO — Jean P. Howlett, 72, a resident of Churubusco, died Friday, July 13, 2001, at Asheboro Health and Rehab in Asheboro, N.C. She had been in declining health for the past six years, and had been seriously ill for the past year.

She was born March 17, 1929, in Hamilton, Ontario, and spent her formative years there. She moved from Canada to Cicero, Ill., in 1956, and had lived in Churubusco since 1974. She had resided in Asheboro since December to be near her son.

She was employed at GCI Gridraft Corp. in Huntertown for several years, retiring there as an inspector.

Mrs. Howlett was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Susan (Swinehart) Howlett of Asheboro; two sisters, Annie DiLellio and Mary Zwicker, both of Hamilton; one brother, Norman DiLellio of Hamilton, Ontario; and two grandsons, Andrew Howlett and Austin Howlett, both of Asheboro.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco with Father Danny Pinto, pastor of St. John Bosco Catholic Church, officiating.

Calling will be at the mortuary from 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday.

Burial will be in the Ege Catholic Cemetery, Noble County.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

David L. Baker

TROY, Ohio — David L. Baker, 58, Troy, Ohio, died June 19, 2001, in Troy.

He was born March 28, 1943, in Kendallville to Harold and Ruth Baker.

He was a retired machinist and a member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Survivors include one daughter, Monica (Baker) Fugate of Kendallville; and three brothers, William Baker and John Baker, both of Kendallville; and Michael Baker of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one daughter, Kathryn Renee.

There will be no service or calling.

Baird Funeral Home, Troy, Ohio, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences can be made to the family by www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS-SUN SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2001

Dorothy Keller

HOWE — Dorothy M. Keller, 88, died at 12:30 a.m. Saturday, July 14, 2001, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She worked in the cafeteria at Lakeland High School, LaGrange. She moved to LaGrange County from Sturgis, Mich., in 1946. She was a member of the Altar & Rosary Sodality and a former LaGrange County Disaster Chairwoman and Girl and Boy Scout leader. She was an avid golfer at Herron Creek and Cedar Lake country clubs.

She was born May 12, 1913, in Mendon, Mich., to Samuel and Elsie (Coombs) Doak. On Sept. 7, 1935, in Sturgis she married Joseph T. Keller, who survives in Howe.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Patsy and Ronald Swafford of Niceville, Fla., Sarah and David Weaver of LaGrange and Martha and Ross Eagleson of Fort Wayne; three sons and daughters-in-law, Michael J. and Pat Keller of Oxnard, Calif., Philip M. and Diane Keller of Destin, Fla., and Steven J. and Tamara Keller of Aptos, Calif.; three brothers, Donald Doak of Sarasota, Fla., Harold Doak of Waco, Texas and Marshall Doak of Burton, Mich.; 24 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

A sister, Marjorie Williams, and a granddaughter, Susan Lynn Keller, preceded her in death.

Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, LaGrange, with the Rev. Paul Faroh officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with a rosary said there at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the church or the Alzheimer's Association.

Micheal Honaker

AUBURN — Micheal Joseph Honaker, 52, died at 9:53 p.m. Friday, July 13, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, after a three-year illness.

He had lived in Auburn for 19 years, coming from Wolcottville. He was vice president of Sycamore Pallet Co., Corunna, and an avid fisherman.

He was born June 21, 1949, in Sturgis, Mich., to James Roy Honaker, who survives in Thompkinsville, Ky., and Betty Jo (Beck) Honaker, who survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sons, Chad Honaker of Avilla and Zachary Honaker of Auburn; a daughter, Michelle Krock of Avilla; three stepchildren, Scott and Tyler Betz, both of Auburn, and Troy Betz of Waterloo; two brothers, James D. Honaker of Thompkinsville and Timothy Roy Honaker of Glenville, Ill.; two sisters, Janelle Ann Graber of Auburn and Julie Claire Honaker of Fort Wayne; his paternal grandmother, Anna Honaker of Wolcottville; his maternal grandfather, Joseph Beck of Auburn; and nine grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at Hutchins Funeral Home, S.R. 9, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Mike Tatman of Wolcottville United Methodist Church officiating.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the ALS Foundation.

William Harvey

DECATUR — William D. Harvey, 73, died Friday, July 13, 2001, at Adams County Memorial Hospital.

The Adams County native was a farmer and a truck driver for Teeple Truck Lines. He was a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church and a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps in World War II.

Surviving are his wife, L. Ruth Harvey; three sons, Dennis W. and Steven N. Harvey, both of Decatur, and Michael L. Harvey of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Joan L. Richardson of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Calvin C. Harvey of Auburn and Richard T. Harvey of Decatur; two sisters, Naomi Krueckeberg of Decatur and Betty L. Zurcher of Monroe; two half-sisters, Mabel Cook and Gladys Braden, both of Decatur; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Larry Harvey; two sisters, Helen and Roseanna Harvey; and two brothers, Robert E. and Bryce Harvey.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Burial with military rites will be at Decatur Cemetery.

Calling is 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. today at Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur.

Memorials are to the church or the Adams County Heart Club.

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Kenneth Wren

HUDSON — Kenneth L. Wren, 84, died at 2:28 a.m. Saturday, July 14, 2001, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

The 56-year resident of rural Hudson was an avid wood crafter, gunsmith and collector of primitive tools and Indiana artifacts.

He was born south of Helmer in DeKalb County July 21, 1916, to Ross and Norma (Leas) Wren. On June 3, 1939, in Angola he married Mabel V. Phillips, who preceded him in death June 2, 1998.

A brother, Clair Wren, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, James and Barbara Wren of Angola, Philip and Carrol Wren and Robin and Judy Wren, all of Fort Wayne, and Jody Wren of Shelby Township, Mich.; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Thomas E. Smith officiating. Burial will be at Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling is 5-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Gideons International.

Pete Hilty

BLUFFTON — Pete A. Hilty, 27, died Thursday, July 12, at home.

The Adams County native was a carpenter and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Surviving are his parents, Amos E. and Margaret Hilty; five brothers, Christy A. Hilty of LaGrange, Jonas A., William A. and Ervin A. Hilty, all of Bluffton, and Joe A. Hilty of Hicksville, Ohio; and three sisters, Elizabeth Neuenschwander of Portland and Margaret Schwartz and Emma Shetler, both of Bluffton.

Services are 9 a.m. Monday at the family home. Burial will be at Schwartz Cemetery.

Calling is 9 a.m.-9 p.m. today at the family home.

Arrangements are by Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne.

Troas Greeno

FORT WAYNE — Troas B. Greeno, 78, died Wednesday, July 11, 2001 at Lutheran Hospital.

The Stroh native was a homemaker and enjoyed gardening, traveling and music.

Surviving are a son, Michael E. Greeno of Spencerville; two daughters, Connie J. Shurtz of Fort Wayne and Judie L. Liggett of Harlan; and two grandchildren.

Her husband, Max E. Greeno, preceded her in death.

Services are private. Burial will be at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling is private.

Memorials are to Indiana University School of Medicine Cancer Research.

THE NEWS-SUN MONDAY, JULY 16, 2001

Bill Gardner

HOWE — Bill Gardner, 68, of Howe, died at 3:50 p.m. Sunday, July 15, 2001, in LaGrange Community Hospital, LaGrange.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe.

Miles Collins Jr.

WATERLOO — Miles Collins Jr., 67, died Saturday, July 14, 2001, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Collins was a self-employed truck driver for 20 years. He was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church in Waterloo.

He was born Jan. 10, 1934, in Magoffin County, Ky., to John D. and Eria (Whittaker) Collins.

He married Thelma Crager on Aug. 17, 1956, in Sayersville, Ky., and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Marty Collins of Kendallville and Douglas Collins of Waterloo, two daughters and one son-in-law, Tammy Collins of Charlotte, N.C., and Marlene and Dave Kinnison of Corunna; two brothers, Sam Collins and Bill Collins; three sisters, Martha Howard, Pauline Kilgore and Virginia Allen; one aunt, Sarah Hicks; three grandchildren, Brock Miles Collins, Cody Ray Collins and Chelsea Sue Collins; and two stepgrandchildren, Jonie Kinnison and Ashlyn Kinnison.

His parents and one daughter, Alma Collins, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Ronald Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family or the Freewill Baptist Church.

This obituary is being republished with additional information.

Michael Honaker

AUBURN — Michael Joseph Honaker, 52, died Friday, July 13, 2001, at 9:53 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, after a one-year illness.

He had lived in Auburn for 19 years, coming from Wolcottville. He was vice president of Sycamore Pallet Co., Corunna, and an avid fisherman.

He was born June 21, 1949, in Sturgis, Mich., to James Roy Honaker, who survives in Thompkinsville, Ky., and Betty Jo (Beck) Honaker, who survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sons, Chad Honaker of Avilla and Zachary Honaker of Auburn; a daughter, Michelle Krock of Avilla; a companion of 19 years, Judy Betz, and her three children, Scott and Tyler Betz, both of Auburn, and Troy Betz of Waterloo; two brothers, James D. Honaker of Thompkinsville and Timothy Roy Honaker of Glenville, Ill.; two sisters, Janelle Ann Graber of Auburn and Julie Claire Honaker of Fort Wayne; his paternal grandmother, Anna Honaker of Wolcottville; his maternal grandfather, Joseph Beck of Auburn; and nine grandchildren;

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Hutchins Funeral Home, State Road 9, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Mike Tatman of the Wolcottville United Methodist Church officiating.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the ALS Foundation.

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2001 THE NEWS-SUN

Jewel Thomas

KENDALLVILLE — Jewel D. Thomas, 67, of Kendallville, died Saturday, July 14, 2001, at the scene of a vehicle accident east of Ligonier.

On Aug. 7, 1993, in Lafayette, Tenn., she was born to Charles and Cynthia (McDonald) Day.

Surviving are four daughters, Dawn Marin of Ligonier, Judy Dickens, Pam Barnes and Debbie Tillberry, all of Indianapolis, and Nancy Brewer of Warsaw; a son, Donald Thomas of Indianapolis; a brother, Oliver Day of Lafayette, Tenn.; two sisters, Christine Willis and Louretta Brooks, both of Lafayette, Tenn.; 14 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and 25 great-great-grandchildren.

Four brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be Thursday at Alexander-Gold Funeral Home, Lafayette, Tenn. Burial will be at the Day Cemetery, Lafayette, Tenn.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Billy Gardner

HOWE — Billy E. Gardner, 68, of Howe, died at 3:50 p.m. Sunday, July 15, 2001, at LaGrange Community Hospital, LaGrange.

In Wise County, Va., on Sept. 15, 1932, he was born to William and Rachael (Prestley) Gardner.

He was a production worker in the recreational vehicle industry.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Billy E. II and Misti Gardner of Howe; a daughter, Mrs. Earl (Brenda) Himes of Howe; three grandchildren; and four sisters, Oma Moore of Kingsport, Tenn., and Uha Gardner, Jeanette Fitzpatrick and Bonnie Gibson, all of Prestonsburg, Ky.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe. Burial will be in Brighton Chapel Cemetery.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Derrick Schrock

TOPEKA — Infant Derrick Schrock, of Topeka, was stillborn at 6:34 p.m. Monday, July 16, 2001, at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

Surviving are: his parents, Quinn and Katrina (Gingerich) Schrock; three brothers, Judson, Tyler and Micah Schrock, all at home; maternal grandparents, Melvin and Elsie Gingerich, Topeka; paternal grandparents, Merl Schrock, Middlebury, and Esther Walters, Goshen; great-grandparents, Mose and Katie Gingerich, Goshen.

A sister, Kelsie Schrock, preceded him in death on Aug. 13, 1995.

Graveside services will be held by the family with Bishop Elmer Miller, of Woodlawn A.M. Church, Goshen, officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Goshen.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Wilma Ritchie

WOLCOTTVILLE — Wilma L. Ritchie, 36, died at 3:10 a.m. Monday, July 16, 2001, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She had been ill since 1991.

Born on July 16, 1965, in Fort Wayne, she was the daughter of William John Jr. and Betty Louise (Wiese) Meyers. In Rome City she married Michael A. Ritchie on Sept. 24, 1983. He survives.

She was a factory worker at Redman Homes in Topeka.

Surviving in addition to her husband are a daughter, Nicole L. Ritchie, and a son, Bradon L. Ritchie, both at home; a brother, John Meyers of Wolcottville; and a sister, Sherry Murray of Albion.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Services Held

LIGONIER — Services for **Phillip Lee Stout**, 76, of Ligonier, were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 16, 2001, in Richville United Methodist Church with Dr. Tom Weigand officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Pallbearers were Jeffrey, Brandon and Jonathan Stout, Warren Groscoat, Pete Phares and Matt Targgart.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, was in charge of arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA July 25, 2001

James Orville "Bill" Kidd, 68

COLUMBIA CITY-James Orville "Bill" Kidd, 68, of 1505 Timberlake Trail, Fort Wayne, formerly of Columbia City, passed away on Sunday, July 22, 2001, at 10:55 p.m. at the Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been in failing health for the past six years, however, he had worked until this past Friday.

He was born at Morgan County, KY on May 12, 1933 in Kentucky to Jesse James Kidd and Adeline Stidam and lived in Kentucky until moving to Indiana 42 years ago.

He attended school in Kentucky. He was married on July 28, 1953 in Kentucky to Ora Jean Adkins. He was employed at Holmes Lumber Company and has maintained the boiler systems for the past 40 years working 3rd shift. He was a member of Columbia City Eagles Lodge #1906.

He is survived by his former wife Ora Jean Kidd, and seven children including daughters Connie "Susie" (Kevin) Benson of Columbia City, Cheryl G. Heath of Fort Wayne, Orvetta J. Snyder of New Paris, Ohio, and Angela C. Kidd of Burbank, California. Surviving sons include, Billy (Betty) Kidd of Columbia City, Ronnie (Linda) Kidd of Columbia City, James Keith Kidd of Andrews, Indiana. Also surviving are twelve grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. He is survived by one brother Dan Brooks of Morehead, Kentucky and a sister Mrs. Allen (Florence) Keeton of Morehead, Kentu

He was preceded in death by his parents; three children, Delmar Paul, Johnny Orville and Lisa Kay Kidd; ten brothers and sisters including, Gladys, Clarence, Raymond, Earl, Virgil, Bertha, Irene, Rachel and Edna Kidd and Delmar Brooks.

Visitation will be held from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 25, 2001 at the DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City with Pastor John Cummings of the Community Bible Church officiating. The second funeral service will be held at the Dry Creek Church of God, Dry Creek, KY with Pastor David Keeton officiating at 2 p.m. Indiana time and 3:00 p.m. Kentucky time on Friday, July 27, 2001. Burial will follow at the Hamilton Cemetery, near Dry Creek, KY.

Memorials may be given in Mr. Kidd's memory to the donor's choice. Expressions of sympathy may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@demoneygrimes.comm.

Donna Belle Mendenhall, 84

ALBION -, Donna Belle Mendenhall, 84, died at 9:50 p.m. on Saturday, July 20, 2001, at Parkview/Noble Hospital Kendallville, IN.

She was born in Albion on July 20, 1917 to Harry H. and Orpha B. (Hite) Pincheon, both deceased.

On February 18, 1941 she married Charles T. Mendenhall in St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion. He died May 25, 1986.

Mrs. Mendenhall worked in the Albion 5 & 10 Store, retired as a bookkeeper from the Albion National Bank, after retirement she worked in the Noble County Treasurers & Clerks Offices. She was a lifetime resident of Albion and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion where she was the church organist for 20 years. She was a Prentice Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Albion and also organist for the Chapter.

Surviving are one daughte Mrs. Douglas (Jinna Ka Leitch of Albion; two sons Jerry H. (Connie) Mendenhal of Albion and Terry B. Mendenhall of Kendallville; also surviving are Janet Mendenhall; three grandchildren, Melissa J. (David) Eichelberger of LaGrange; Tracie S. Mendenhall of Albion; Shawn T. Mendenhall of Indianapolis; and one great-grandson, Austin Wilson.

One brother, Albert Pincheon, preceded her in death.

Services were held on Tuesday, July 24, 2001 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion with Pastor Ann Marshall officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion. Preferred memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion.

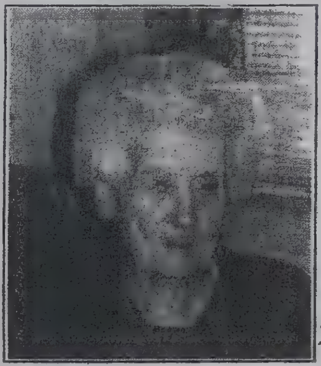
ALBion New Era, July 25, 2001

Myrta V. Targgart, 101

COLUMBIA CITY-Myrta V. Targgart, 101, died at 7:45 p.m., Tuesday, July 17, 2001 in the Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City where she had been a resident since December 24, 1996.

She was born November 12, 1899 in Green Township, Noble County, Indiana a daughter of Curtis W. and Minnie Cooper Winebrenner. Her formative years were spent in Green Township where she completed her education in the Mulberry School.

On February 7, 1920 she was united in marriage to Dewey C. Targgart. They made their first home on a farm in Green Township, later moving to a farm just south of Burr Oak. Mr. Targgart died February 11, 1970. In 1978 she moved to Blue River Apartments, Columbia City.



She was a homemaker and a member of Burr Oak Baptist Church.

She is survived by two sons, Herschel Targgart and Everett Targgart, both of Columbia City; three grandchildren, Delores Phelps of West Lafayette, Sharon Taulbee of Columbia City and Daniel Targgart of Columbia City; five great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, James Winebrenner.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, July 21, 2001, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with Rev. J. Philip Blake officiating. The burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Herman Young ,

AVILLA-Herman Emanuel Young, 89, died at 5:55 p.m., Wednesday, July 18, 2001, t Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, where he had lived since Oct. 8, 1999.

The rural Avilla resident was a farmer until 1951, then worked for 26 years at Kraft Foods, Kendallville, and as an agent for Farmers Mutual and Minnesota Mutual Life insurance companies for 35 years. He was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla, and a life member of Kendallville Moose Lodge 1301.

He was born March 13, 1912, in Jefferson Township, Noble County, to Orville J. and Lillie (Sams) Young. On Nov. 8, 1932, in Sturgis, Mich., he married Viola Mae Knafel, who survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Helen Young of Auburn and Rickie and Linda Young of Albion; a daughter and son-in-law, Lindol and Robert Abel of Avilla; another daughter and her fiancee, Brenda Lou Young and Delbert Manns, both of Kendallville; 13 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Janice Miller, in 1998; three brothers; and two sisters.

Funeral serviees were held on Saturday, July 21, 2001 at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla, with Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating. Burial was in the Avilla Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church.

Pamela Lynn Wilhelm, 30

COLUMBIA CITY-Pamela Lynn Wilhelm, 30, of 7400 East 400 South, Columbia City, IN, died at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, July 18, 2001, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born December 17, 1970, in Kendallville, Noble County, to Walter Harold and Marilyn Rose (Murphy) Smith.

She attended Green Center School and graduated from Churubusco High School with the Class of 1990. She lived her entire lifetime in Churubusco, moving to her current home in Columbia City three years ago.

She married Neil A. Wilhelm on August 24, 1997, in the Collins United Methodist Church, Collins. She worked as a prep cook for several years at the Magic Wand in Churubusco.

She is survived by her husband, Neil A. Wilhelm of Fort Wayne; three sons, Neil Alan, Brandon Lee and Codie James Wilhelm all of Columbia City; her mother, Marilyn Rose Smith of Churubusco; two brothers, Gary Joe and Dale R. Smith both of Albion; two sisters, Deborah S. Holden of Albion, and her twin Paula J. Smith of Columbia City; and her mother-in-law, Genevera (Ray) Arnold of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her father, Walter Harold Smith.

Funeral services were held or Sunday, July 22, 2001, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City with Pastor Gerald Bills officiating. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam, Noble County.

Memorial donation may be given in her memory to her children's education fund. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family via e-mail to sympathy@demoneygrimes.com.

James Hickman

ALBION-James A. Hickman, 87, of Albion, died Thursday, July 19, 2001, at 2:20 p.m. at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home.

A lifetime Noble County resident, Mr. Hickman was a farmer and carpenter. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Albion.

He was born Feb. 25, 1914, in Noble County to Hugh W. and Bessie (Grubb) Hickman. his wife, Hilda (Rathke) Hickman and his parents preceded him in death.

Surviving are a stepdaughter, Dolores Mullens of California; a brother, Hugh Hickman of Albion; two sisters Martha Ellen Mansfield of Kendallville and Suzanna Mae Baily of Ligonier; four stepgrandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Sunday, July 22, 2001 at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion, with the Rev. Eric Ball officiating.

Burial was in Sweet Cemetery, Albion. Memorials are to Kendallville Manor Healthcare.

ALBion New Era July

Lester D. "Pete" Schinbeckler, 55

CHURUBUSCO-Lester D. "Pete" Schinbeckler, 55, of Churubusco died at 4:00 p.m. on July 19, 2001 at home.

He was born on April 28, 1946 in Fort Wayne to Franklin S. and Betty J. (Smith) Schinbeckler.

He worked for C & C Packing and enjoyed fishing and hunting.

He is survived by one daughter, Cristy Lynn Bianski of Churubusco; two sons, Derick Lee Schinbeckler and Daymon Wayne Schinbeckler both of Churubusco; two brothers, Harold E. Schinbeckler of Churubusco and Roger L. Schinbeckler of Columbia City; one sister, Joyce A. Geiger of Churubusco; seven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services were held on Monday, July 23, 2001 at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Vaughn Powell officiating.

Burial was in Covington Memorial Gardens in Ft. Wayne.

The family requests donations be made to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice with envelopes available at the funeral home.

ALBION NEW ERA July 18, 2001

Carol A. Tieman

COLUMBIA CITY-Carol Tieman, 58, a resident of rural Columbia City, died at 6:15 p.m., Wednesday, July 11, 2001, at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne, where she was admitted on Tuesday.

She was born July 26, 1942, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, a daughter of Maurice and Marjorie Krone Dorsam. Her formative years were spent in Fort Wayne and Evansville. She graduated from Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne and St. Francis College where she received a Masters Degree of Reading Specialist. She later received her Administrative Certification from Indiana University, Fort Wayne.

On June 17, 1967, she was united in marriage to Frederick M. Tieman. They made their home in Fort Wayne, later moving to Monroeville for a few years and have resided at their present home at Tri Lakes since 1987.

She was a second grade teacher at Wolf Lake School for four years, principal at Albion Elementary School for five years, principal at Wabash City School for three years and reading specialist at Churubusco Elementary School for many years.

Her church affiliation was with the St. Paul of the Cross and Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Her memberships included the Indiana State Reading Specialists Association of which she served as president, and National Association of School Principals.

She is survived by her husband, Fred; two sons, Matthew Tieman of West Palm Beach, FL and Andrew (Catherine) Tieman of Newburyport, MA; a daughter, Mrs. Dean (Ann) Karbler of Columbus, OH; two grandsons, Austin and Tyler Karbler; and a sister, Nancy Wallace of Brimfield, IN.

The funeral mass was held at 9 a.m., Saturday, July 14, 2001, at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church with Father Dale Bauman and Father Sextus Don as celebrants. The burial was in the Catholic Cemetery, Columbia City.

A rosary service was held on Friday, July 13, 2001, at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Carol Tieman Scholarship Fund or masses.

Jean P. Howlett

CHURUBUSCO-Jean P. Howlett, 72, a resident of Churubusco, died Friday, July 13 at 3:10 p.m. at Asheboro Health and Rehab in Asheboro, North Carolina. She had been in declining health for the past six years, and had been seriously ill for the past year.

She was born March 17, 1929, in Hamilton, Ontario, she spent her formative years there. She moved from Canada to Cicero, Illinois, in 1956 and had lived in Churubusco since 1974. She had resided in Asheboro since December to be near her son.

She was employed at GCI Gridcraft Corporation in Huntertown for several years, retiring from there as an inspector.

Mrs. Howlett was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco.

Surviving are one son, Kevin (Susan Swinehart) Howlett of Asheboro; two grandsons, Andrew Howlett and Austin Howlett, both of Asheboro; a brother, Norman DiLellio of Hamilton, Ontario; and two sisters, Annie DiLellio and Mary Zwicker, both of Hamilton, Ontario.

The funeral service was Tuesday, July 17, 2001, at the Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco with Father Danney Pinto, pastor of St. John Bosco Catholic Church, officiating.

Interment was in the Ege Catholic Cemetery, Noble County. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Phillip Lee Stout, 76

LIGONIER - Phillip Lee Stout, 76, died unexpectedly at 9:41 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, 2001, at Goshen General Hospital. He had been in declining health.

The lifetime Noble County resident was employed with the Indiana State Police for 29 1/2 years, retiring as a sergeant. After retirement he worked in security. He served in the U. S. Army Air Corps in World War II.

He was a member of Richville United Methodist Church, West Noble American Legion Post 243 and Pioneers of Indiana State Police. Following high school he attended Indiana University and Mississippi State. He enjoyed IU basketball, the Chicago Cubs, traveling, camping, playing euchre and antiquing.

He was born Feb. 20, 1925, in Kendallville to Frank Homer and Ethel E. (Kehr) Stout. On Aug. 15, 1948, at Mt. Pleasant Church, Albion, he married Wanda Lee Truelove, who survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are five sons and three daughters-in-law; Kirk Stout, Robert and Rebecca Stout and Mark Stout, all of Ligonier; John and Julie Stout of Syracuse and Michael and Laura Stout of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Connie Groscost of Fort Wayne and Joyce and Robin Miller of Ligonier; two brothers, David Stout of Kendallville and Thomas Stout of Ligonier; 13 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services were held on Monday, July 16, 2001, at Richville United Methodist Church with the Rev. Tom Weigand officiating. Burial with military services was held at Sparta Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church or the Legion post.

Albion New Era July

Max L. Aker, 72

Max L. Aker, 72, of Zolfo Springs, passed away Wednesday, July 11, 2001, at his residence. He had been a resident of this area for 10 years coming from Albion. He was a native of Portland, Indiana. He was a truck driver, a veteran and a member of the American Legion.

To our father: "You always brought joy into our day with your words of encouragement. We will forever miss hearing your voice when you would call just because. We will always treasure you within our hearts. We will go through life and try to be even half the person you were. Rest easy Dad, you have done what God sent you to do." -Amy Lynn

Survivors are his wife, Marilyn Aker; two sons, Randi M. Aker and David Wayne Aker both of Albion; three daughters, Lois Franklin and Peggy Durnell both of Ft. Wayne; Amy Lynn Aker of Albion; his brother, Samuel Aker; three sisters, Betty Gee, Bonnie Aker and Ruth Lee all of Portland, Indiana; thirteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial Service to be held for Mike Miller

LIGONIER — A memorial service will be held for the late Mike Miller on August 14, 2001, at 6:30 p.m. at West Noble Middle School North Gymnasium.

The public is invited to attend the memorial service for the West Noble Middle School band director who died last month.

Anyone who was a band student of Mr. Miller at any time in the past is invited to participate. Practices are August 8 and 13 at 3:30 p.m. To participate, you must attend at least one of the practices at West Noble Middle School.

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Max Helmer

LAGRANGE — Max Helmer, 77, died at 11:50 p.m. Monday, July 16, 2001, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

The lifetime LaGrange County resident was retired as a farmer and from LaGrange County Dodge. He was a member of American Legion Post 215.

He was born Feb. 20, 1924, in LaGrange to George I. and Iona L. (Johnson) Helmer. On Jan. 15, 1949, in South Milford, he married Carol Jean Strawser, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and Garry Crawford of LaGrange and Janene and Michael Prough of Crown Point; a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Connie Helmer of LaGrange; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, LuAnn Marie Helmer, May 20, 1956; two sisters, Betty Helmer and Frances Young; and a brother, Robert Helmer.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Michael Booher officiating. Burial will be at South Milford Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to South Milford Church of Christ and the Arthritis Foundation.

Hazel Norden

AUBURN — Hazel Marie Norden, 91, died Tuesday, July 17, 2001, at 10:42 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Norden was a homemaker and a former Ashley resident. She was a member of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, Ashley, and its Ladies Aid, and the Progressive Social Club and Fairfield Home Demonstration Club. She was formerly a 4-H leader for many years.

She was born May 28, 1910, in Churubusco to James William and Florence (Hanlon) Zolman.

She married Jay A. Sutherland on March 15, 1930, and he died Oct. 17, 1967.

She then married Alvin "Pete" Norden on Nov. 14, 1969, and he died Jan. 18, 1986.

Surviving her are two daughters and one son-in-law, Evanell and Lee Shenk of LaOtto, and Darlene Scranage of Auburn; three sisters, Mary Ellen Williamson of Waterloo, Betty Saccedo of Union City, Calif., and Luella Pepple of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Billy Reinoehl; two brothers, Wilber and James Zolman; and two sisters, Helen Knowlton and Priscilla Conley.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, with Pastor Jeff Fackler officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren.

Beatrice Snodgrass

FORT WAYNE — Beatrice "Bea" Hawthorn Snodgrass, 74, died Monday, July 16, 2001, at home.

The Fort Wayne native retired in 1975 from Essex Wire.

Surviving are her husband, Max Snodgrass; a daughter, Jessica L. Hart of Columbia City; three sons, Robert W. Webster of Churubusco, Douglas E. Webster of Fort Wayne and Gregory L. Webster of Seattle; three stepdaughters, Debra Hamilton of LaOtto, Gerry Ann McDonald of Columbia City and Beverly S. Kerr of San Diego; 19 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

There are no services or calling.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice Home Health Care or the Allen County Cancer Society.

Arrangements are by D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

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Marilyn Knotts

TOPEKA — Marilyn Knotts, 65, died Tuesday, July 17, 2001, at her home in Topeka Terrace Apartments.

She was formerly employed at NISCO and Starcraft, both in Topeka. She came to LaGrange County from Muncie 43 years ago. She was a member of Topeka Mennonite Church.

She was born Dec. 29, 1935, in Muncie to Albert and Rosella (Hart) Tomlinson.

Mrs. Knotts

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Deb Gonser of Topeka, Diane Hagewood and Kathy and Rex Growcock, all of Wolcottville, and Karen and Randy Criswell of Rome City; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mildred and Keith Bess and Phyllis and Mike Hansard, all of Muncie; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Kenny and Judy Tomlinson of Muncie and Randy and Julie Tomlinson of Sturgis, Mich.; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. John Hockman officiating. Burial will be at Orange Township Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Services Held

AUBURN — Services for **Michael J. Honaker** were 10 a.m. Tuesday at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Michael Tatman officiating.

Burial will be at a later date.

Pallbearers were Chad, Zachary and James Honaker and Tyler, Troy and Scott Betz.

Lizzie Mullett

LAGRANGE — Lizzie Mullett, 57, died Tuesday, July 17, 2001, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The homemaker came to LaGrange from Salem in June. She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Jan. 10, 1944, in LaGrange to Jacob and Matilda (Petersheim) Raber. Her mother survives in Topeka. On Nov. 14, 1963, in LaGrange County, she married LeRoy H. Mullett, who survives.

Surviving are seven daughters and two sons-in-law, Miriam and Orva Yoder, Nancy Ann Mullett, Amanda Marie Mullett, Esther Mullett and Oleta Mullett, all of LaGrange, and Rachel and Levi Bontrager and Mattie Ellen Mullett, all of Pardeeville, Wis.; six sons and two daughters-in-law, Vernon Ray Mullett of Cythiania, Ky., Alfred and Rosetta Mullett of Pardeeville, LeRoy Jr. and Juanita Mullett of Scottsburg, and Henry Jay Mullett, Howard Lee Mullett and Benedict Mullett, all of LaGrange; seven sisters, Clara Kuhns of Portage, Wis., Lydia Kuhns of Nappanee, Katie Hochstetler, Esther Schmucker and Anna Bontrager, all of LaGrange, Wilma Schrock of Topeka, and Mattie Miller of Middlebury; two brothers, Perry Raber of Wolcottville and Eli Raber of Topeka; and 15 grandchildren.

Two sons, Wilbur and Jacob Mullett, preceded her in death.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Perry Hochstetler home, 3575E - 225N, LaGrange, with Bishops John Mishler and Perry Bontrager officiating. Burial will be at Bloomfield Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is after 5 p.m. today and all day Friday at the Perry Hochstetler home.

Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Herman Young

AVILLA — Herman Emanuel Young, 89, died at 5:55 p.m. Wednesday, July 18, 2001, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, where he had lived since Oct. 8, 1999.

The rural Avilla resident was a farmer until 1951, then worked for 26 years at Kraft Foods, Kendallville, and as an agent for Farmers Mutual and Minnesota Mutual Life insurance companies for 35 years. He was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla, and a life member of Kendallville Moose Lodge 1301.

He was born March 13, 1912, in Jefferson Township, Noble County, to Orville J. and Lillie (Sams) Young. On Nov. 8, 1932, in Sturgis, Mich., he married Viola Mae Knafel, who survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Helen Young of Auburn and Rickie and Linda Young of Albion; a daughter and son-in-law, Lindol and Robert Abel of Avilla; another daughter and her fiancee, Brenda Lou Young and Delbert Manns, both of Kendallville; 13 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Janice Miller, in 1998; three brothers; and two sisters.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla, with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating. Burial will be at Avilla Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, and 9-10 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

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Myrta Targgart

COLUMBIA CITY — Myrta V. Targgart, 101, died Tuesday, July 17, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City.

The Noble County native was a homemaker.

Surviving are two sons, Hershel and Everett Targgart, both of Columbia City; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Her husband, Dewey C. Targgart, preceded her in death in 1970.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial will be at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Donald Taylor

KENDALLVILLE — Donald Taylor, 73, died at 7:40 a.m. Wednesday, July 18, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, after a six-week illness.

The lifetime Kendallville resident was a product manager at Group Dekko, Kendallville, for 32 years, retiring in 1994. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in the Korean War. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

He was born June 27, 1928, in Kendallville to Leland and Hilda (Wagner) Taylor. On Nov. 23, 1950, in Kendallville, he married Betty Carolyn Thire, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sally Taylor and Linda and David Davis, all of Kendallville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Douglas Taylor and Daniel and Arlene Taylor, all of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

A daughter, Janet Hern, and a grandson, Tyson Taylor, preceded him in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Revs. Thomas Clothier and Stanley Kessler officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Shelter or the charity of the donor's choice.

Rose Ann Eversman

KENDALLVILLE — Rose An Eversman, 56, died at home Tuesday, July 17, 2001.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Norma Krauss

LAGRANGE — Norma L. Krauss, 74, died Wednesday, July 18, 2001, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

The homemaker moved from Decatur to LaGrange in 1976. She was a member of LaGrange Baptis Church.

She was born Jan. 22, 1927, in Warsaw to Samuel W. and Eva C. (Anderson) Harper. On Dec. 28, 1945, in Columbia City, she married Paul F. Krauss Sr., who preceded her in death Sept. 8, 1985.

A brother and three grandsons also preceded her in death.

Surviving are five sons and four sons-in-law, Jewell and Gerald McLaughlin of Howe, Sandra and Jaime Sanchez of Waco, Texas, Carlene Shaffer of Albion, Kathleen and Larry Cooper of Charlotte, N.C., and Rebecca and Danny Conkling of North Webster; a son, Paul F. Krauss Jr. of LaGrange; a brother, Ernest E. Harper of Columbia City; 20 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Jeremy Helmuth officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

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Rose Eversman

KENDALLVILLE — Rose A. Eversman, 56, died unexpectedly Monday, July 16, 2001, at home in Kendallville.

She was a graduate of Ravenscroft Beauty College, Fort Wayne.

She was born June 21, 1945, in Kendallville to James and Opal (Moore) Wade.

Surviving are her husband, Stan Eversman of Fort Wayne; two sons, Douglas and Eric Eversman, both of Fort Wayne; and a sister, June Fishback of Indianapolis.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Burial will be at Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice.

Joe Fry

LAGRANGE — Joe Fry, 79, died Thursday, July 19, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He moved from Haven, Kan., to LaGrange in 1942. The retired owner of Fry Auto Sales, Emma, he was also a member of First Church of God, LaGrange.

He was born Sept. 21, 1921, in Haven to Nosh J. and Mary (Bontrager) Fry. On Nov. 15, 1947, in LaGrange he married Ruby F. Miller, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Diane and John Fought of Prescott Valley, Ariz., and Karen L. Fry of LaGrange; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Mike and Cheryl Fry of Howe and Jim and Patricia Fry, Keith D. and Ethel Fry and Kim Fry, all of LaGrange; a sister, Sara Miller of Macon, Miss.; two brothers, Ezra Fry of Topeka and Jake Fry of Shipshewana; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Monday at First Church of God, LaGrange, with the Revs. Brian VanOsdol and Chris Denny officiating. Burial will be at Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling is 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

James Heath Jr.

HOWE — James E. Heath Jr., 43, died Wednesday, July 18, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He moved to Howe in 1990 and was a tactical officer at Howe Military School.

He was born March 24, 1958, in Waukegan, Ill., to James E. Heath Sr. and June (Pruehsner) Heath. His mother, now June Townsend, survives with his stepfather, Forest Townsend, in Baraga, Mich. On Jan. 3, 1998, in Howe he married Lori L. LaBare, who survives in Howe.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jennifer Lilley of Sturgis, Mich.; a son, Justin Lilley of Howe; two sisters, Roxanne Bellaire of Baraga and Becky Becker of Round Lake Beach, Ill.; and two brothers, John Heath of Waukegan and Jeffrey Heath Sr. of St. Charles, Ill.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at St. James Episcopal Church, Howe, with the Rev. David D. Yaw and Dr. Terry Timson officiating. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery.

Calling is 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

James Hickman

ALBION — James A. Hickman, 87, died at 2:20 p.m. Thursday, July 19, 2001, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

Travis Ritter

SYRACUSE — Travis Lee Ritter, 30, died Thursday, July 19, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, as a result of an automobile accident Wednesday in Larwill.

Arrangements are pending at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

Earl Hicks Sr.

MONTPELIER — Earl W. Hicks Sr., 82, died Wednesday, July 18, 2001, at Blackford County Hospital, Hartford City.

The Warsaw, Ky., native retired in 1970 from Ball Brothers, Muncie. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy in World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Waneta P. Hicks; two sons, Earl W. Hicks Jr. of Pembroke Pines, Fla., and Fred E. Hicks of Yorktown; a brother, Charles Messler of LaGrange; three sisters, Jackie Avila of Marion, Margaret Holley of Grovetown, Ga., and Evelyn Green of Linn Creek, Mo.; and two grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Glancy Funeral Homes Walker Chapel, Montpelier. Burial will be at Historic Woodlawn Cemetery, Montpelier.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Carolyn Everhart

BRYAN, Ohio — Carolyn Sue Everhart, 58, died Wednesday, July 18, 2001, at home.

The Decatur native was a housekeeper and nanny.

Surviving are her husband, Robert Everhart; a daughter, Lisa DeLong of LaOtto; a son, William Everhart of Bryan, Ohio; three stepsons, Eric T. Everhart of Holly Spring, Miss., Blaine G. Everhart of Dunn, N.C. and John Everhart of Sanford, N.C.; four grandchildren; and two stepgrandchildren.

Services are 9:30 a.m. northeast Indiana time Saturday at Rice Funeral Home, Bryan. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling is 4-7 p.m. northeast Indiana time today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Community Hospital Hospice Program or Williams County Cancer Assistance.

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Pamela Wilhelm

COLUMBIA CITY — Pamela Lynn Wilhelm, 30, died at 8 a.m. Wednesday, July 18, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She attended Green Center School and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1990. The lifetime resident of Churubusco moved to Columbia city three years ago. She has worked as a prep cook at The Magic Wand, Churubusco, for several years.

She was born Dec. 17, 1970, in Kendallville to Walter Harold and Marilyn Rose (Murphy) Smith. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother survives in Churubusco. On Aug. 24, 1997, at Collins United Methodist Church, Collins, she married Neil A. Wilhelm, who survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are three sons, Neil Alan, Brandon Lee and Codie James Wilhelm, all of Columbia City; two brothers, Gary Joe and Dale R. Smith, both of Albion; two sisters, Deborah S. Holden of Albion and her twin Paula J. Smith of Columbia City; and her mother-in-law, Genevera (Ray) Arnold of Fort Wayne.

Services are 1:30 p.m. Sunday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with Pastor Gerald Bills officiating. Burial will be at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to her children's education fund.

The following obituary is being rerun to correct errors in information provided to The News-Sun.

Donald Taylor

KENDALLVILLE — Donald Taylor, 73, died at 8:40 a.m. Wednesday, July 18, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, after a six-week illness.

The lifetime Kendallville resident was a product manager at Group Dekko, Kendallville, for 32 years, retiring in 1994. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in the Korean War. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

He was born June 27, 1928, in Kendallville to Leland and Hilda (Wagner) Taylor. On Nov. 23, 1950, in Kendallville, he married Betty Carolyn Ihire, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sally Taylor and Linda and David Davis, all of Kendallville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Douglas Taylor and Daniel and Arlene Taylor, all of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

A daughter, Janet Hearn, and a grandson, Tyson Taylor, preceded him in death.

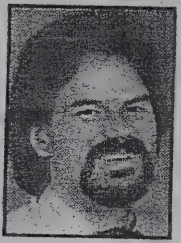
Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Revs. Thomas Clothier and Stanley Kessler officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Shelter or the charity of the donor's choice.

Travis Ritter

SYRACUSE — Travis Lee Ritter, 30, of Syracuse, died Thursday, July 19, 2001 at 1:10 p.m. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, of injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Larwill.


Mr. Ritter

He worked for Forest River Trailer Co. in Goshen and was a member of the Ligonier post of the Sons of the American Legion.

He was born Aug. 3, 1970, in Goshen to Ridgely Sr. and Pauline (Sturdivant) Ritter. On Jan. 1, 1994, he married Tiffany Fulford in Valentine. His wife survives in Syracuse.

Also surviving are his father, of Syracuse; his mother, of Wolcottville; a son, Tristin, and three daughters, Ivory, Brooke and Jade, all at home; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Tammy and George Wolfe of Wolcottville and Brandi Ritter of Syracuse; and three brothers, Ridgely Ritter Jr. of Wolcottville and Trevor and Tyler Ritter of Syracuse.

Services will be Monday at 2:30 p.m. at New Freedom Baptist Church in LaGrange, with the Rev. Wade Sturdivant officiating. Calling will be Sunday after 2 p.m. at the church.

Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Rome City. Memorials are to the family.

Rex Hile

ASHLEY — Rex E. Hile, 72, died suddenly on Friday, July 20, 2001, at 5:43 a.m. in his rural Ashley home.

He was a resident of the Ashley area for over 43 years. He was a teacher in the Ashley schools for nine years and at Millersburg High School for four years. He owned Ashley Travel Agency and Bell Travel Service of Indianapolis for 16 years each. He also drove for Don Ray Drive Away RV for 14 years. He was veteran of the Korean Conflict.

He was a member of Columbia City Masonic Lodge 189 and was affiliate with the Ashley United Methodist Church. He was a former member of the original Ashley Lions Club.

Mr. Hile was born June 22, 1929, in South Whitley to Jacob and Mary (Stump) Hile.

He married his wife, Golden Hile, on June 4, 1942, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Trionne Hile-Dickerson and James Dickerson of Ashley; a son and daughter-in-law, Troy and Jayne Hile of Edgerton, Ohio; two sisters, Leola Goodrich of Grants Pass, Ore., and Carolyn Parnell of Columbia City; one brother, Verlin Hile of Columbia City; and five grandchildren, Richard, Rachel and Sarah Garman, and Lindsey and Michael Hile.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Kenneth Ludwig officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home. A Masonic service will be held Sunday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ashley United Methodist Church.

Lester Schinbeckler

CHURUBUSCO — Lester D. "Pete" Schinbeckler, 55, of Churubusco, died Thursday, July 19, 2001, at his home.

Mr. Schinbeckler

He worked for C&C Packing and enjoyed fishing and hunting.

He was born April 28, 1946, in Fort Wayne to Franklin S. and Betty J. (Smith) Schinbeckler. His parents preceded him in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Cristy Lynn Bianski of Churubusco; two sons, Derick Lee and Daymon Wayne Schinbeckler, both of Churubusco; two brothers, Harold E. Schinbeckler of Churubusco and Roger L. Schinbeckler of Columbia City; a sister, Joyce A. Geiger of Churubusco; seven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Vaughn Powell officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne. Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice. Donation envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Services Held

WOLCOTTVILLE — Services for **Wilma L. Ritchie** were held Thursday, July 18, 2001 at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville, with the Rev. Joel Stanley officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Active pallbearers were Joe Ritchie, John Meyers, Steve Murray, Jerry Havert, Scott and Sam Wiese, Carl Hayes and Jimmy Scott. Honorary pallbearers were J.T. Duty, Dustin Lacey and Brandon Ritchie.

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Marilyn Sarrazine

AUBURN — Marilyn A. Sarrazine, 61, died Thursday, July 19, 2001, at 8:30 p.m. in her rural Auburn home.

Mrs. Sarrazine was a tax preparer who worked for Galen D. Maust P.C. in Fort Wayne since 1990. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and the Rosary Society. She resided in Auburn for 34 years.

Mrs. Sarrazine

She was born in Kendallville on June 14, 1940, to Carl E. and Edna (Truelove) Harvey.

She married Leo W. Sarrazine in Kendallville on Oct. 1, 1966, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Diane Ort of Garrett; two sons, Douglas Sarrazine of Garrett and Dr. Ronald Sarrazine of Fort Wayne; one sister, June Graves of Kendallville; and nine grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Patricia "Eileen" Sherer.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, with Father Kenneth Sarrazine officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home, with a prayer service at 3:30 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School, St. Joseph Catholic Church or Masses.

James Hickman

ALBION — James A. Hickman, 87, of Albion, died Thursday, July 19, 2001, at 2:20 p.m. at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home.

A lifetime Noble County resident, Mr. Hickman was a farmer and carpenter. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Albion.

He was born Feb. 25, 1914, in Noble County to Hugh W. and Bessie (Grubb) Hickman. His wife, Hilda (Rathke) Hickman and his parents preceded him in death.

Surviving are a stepdaughter, Dolores Mullens of California; a brother, Hugh Hickman of Albion; two sisters, Martha Ellen Mansfield of Kendallville and Suzanna Mae Baily of Ligonier; four stepgrandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion, with the Rev. Eric Ball officiating. Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery, Albion. Memorials are to Kendallville Manor Healthcare.

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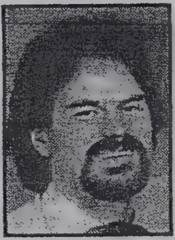
(This obituary is being reprinted to include additional information from the funeral home.)

Travis Ritter

SYRACUSE — Travis Lee Ritter, 30, of Syracuse died at 10:18 a.m. Thursday, July 19, 2001, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, from injuries he received in an automobile accident near Larwill.

In Goshen he was born on Aug. 3, 1970, to Ridgely Ritter Sr., who survives in Syracuse, and Pauline (Sturdivant) Ritter, who survives in Wolcottville. He married Tiffany Fulford on Jan. 1, 1994, in Valentine, Ind. She survives in Syracuse.



Mr. Ritter

He was a factory worker for Forest River Trailer Co., Goshen, and a member of the Sons of the Legion, Ligonier American Legion Post.

Surviving, in addition to his wife and parents, are a son, Tristin Ritter of Syracuse; three daughters, Ivory, Brooke and Jade Ritter, all of Syracuse; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Brandi Ritter of Syracuse, and Tammy and George Wolfe of Wolcottville; three brothers, Ridgely Ritter Jr. of Wolcottville, and Trevor and Tyler Ritter, both of Syracuse; two grandmothers, Betty Berra, Ligonier, and Nellie Sturdivant, Wolcottville; four nieces; and a nephew.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at New Freedom Baptist Church in LaGrange with the Rev. Wade Sturdivant officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is after 2 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville is in charge of arrangements.

Janice Dadisman

HUNTERTOWN — Janice R. Buell Dadisman, 69, of Huntertown died at 2:40 a.m. Saturday, July 21, 2001, at Hickory Creek of Kendallville after being in failing health for seven years.

On April 11, 1932, in Fort Wayne, she was born to Paul G. and Gladys M. (Dennis) Buell. She married Marshall Dadisman on June 9, 1951, in Edon, Ohio. He survives.

Mrs. Dadisman was raised around Times Corner in Fort Wayne, and had lived in Huntertown since 1960.

She was self-employed and assisted with the family businesses for 31 years. She was a member of the Allen County Homemakers Club.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are a son, Paul E. Dadisman of Huntertown; two daughters, Christine K. DePrimio and Connie L. Williams, both of Huntertown; a brother, Stanley C. Buell of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A brother, Gordon Buell, and her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Wyatt Mullinax officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery, Huntertown.

Calling is from 2 to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Huntertown Baptist Church.

Betty Feagler

WATERLOO — Betty Jo Shumaker Feagler, 66, of Waterloo, died at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 21, 2001, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

On Sept. 26, 1934, in DeKalb County, she was born to Clyde and Essie (Hathaway) Wilhelm. She married Seth Shumaker on June 2, 1958. He preceded her in death in February 1975. In September 1986 she married Theadford Feagler who preceded her in death in May 1990.

She was a homemaker, a nurse's aid for many years at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn and a charter member of the Auburn Church of Christ.

Surviving are two sons, Seth Max Shumaker Jr. of Waterloo, and Robert Francis Shumaker of Ashley; two daughters, Susan Elaine Shumaker of Waterloo, and Donnabelle Shumaker of Ashley; two sisters, Linda Jetmore of Ashley, and Patty McCanne of Auburn; a stepdaughter and son-in-law, Betty and Robert Zimmer of Cleveland, Ohio; and two grandchildren, Stacy and Jamie Shumaker.

A son, Sammy Shumaker; three brothers, Robert, Billie and Jimmie Wilhelm, and a sister, June Phares, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with John Scott officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of Christ.

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John Vorndran

AUBURN — John F. Vorndran, 65, of Auburn died Friday, July 20, 2001, in Dupont Hospital, Fort Wayne.

On Aug. 8, 1935, he was born in Fort Wayne to George H. and Elsie O. (Lehman) Vorndran. He and his wife, Connie, were married on Oct. 1, 1966, in North Manchester. She survives in Auburn.

He was a plumber with Shambaugh & Sons for 38 years and retired in 1998.

Mr. Vorndran was a U.S. Army veteran, a member of the St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, American Legion Post 82 and Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 166.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two daughters, Rita Vorndran of Fort Wayne, and Stephanie Vorndran of Indianapolis; a son, Mark Vorndran of Wayland, Mich.; six sisters, Dorothy Connors, Catherine Lang, Magdalene Simone, Mary Stolz and Charlotte Smith, all of Fort Wayne, and Lucy Cartan of Bellevue, Wash.; and three grandchildren.

A daughter, Teresa Cummins, preceded him in death in 1997. Four brothers, George, Bernard, Maurice and Eugene Vorndran, also preceded him in death.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Military graveside rites will be held by American Legion Post 82.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, and an hour before services Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the Cedar Canyons Fire Department or the donor's choice.

Wilma Capp

BUTLER — Wilma Louise Capp, 80, died Thursday, July 19, 2001, at 7:45 a.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Capp

Mrs. Capp was a retired clerk and formerly worked at Marshall Clothing, the City of Butler Utilities and Morenci Rubber. She was a member of Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, a charter member of the Butler American Legion Auxiliary and a former member of Forest Chaper of the Order of the Eastern Star Lodge 44. She also volunteered with Santa's Helpers for many years.

She was born in Fremont on Jan. 19, 1921, to John I. and Lucy Arveta (Worthington) Carr.

She married Charles W. Capp in Auburn on Sept. 5, 1941, and he died Sept. 22, 1998.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, David and Judy Capp of Butler; one daughter and son-in-law, Janet and John Phillips of Toledo, Ohio; three grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

One brother, Lawrence Carr, one sister, Helen Grogg, and her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at the Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church with the Rev. Tony Brooks officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler.

Donna Mendenhall

ALBION — Donna Belle Mendenhall, 84, of Albion died at 9:50 p.m. Friday, July 20, 2001, in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. Mendenhall

In Albion on July 20, 1917, she was born to Harry H. and Orpha (Hite) Pincheon. On Feb. 18, 1941, in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Albion, she married Charles T. Mendenhall. He preceded her in death on May 25, 1986.

She worked in the Albion 5 & 10 Store, and was a retired bookkeeper with the Albion National Bank. After retirement she worked in the offices of the Noble County Treasurer and Clerk.

Mrs. Mendenhall was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion and served as church organist for 20 years. She was a member of Prentice Chapter Order of the Eastern Star in Albion and was organist for the chapter.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jinna Kay and Douglas Leitch of Albion; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jerry H. and Connie Mendenhall of Albion, and Terry B. Mendenhall of Kendallville; three grandchildren, Melissa Eichelberger, LaGrange, Tracie S. Mendenhall, Albion, and Shawn T. Mendenhall, Indianapolis; a great-grandson, Austin Wilson; and Janet Mendenhall, Albion.

A brother, Albert Pincheon, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Albion, with the Rev. Ann Marshall officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour prior to the services at the church.

Order of Eastern Star services will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Albion.

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Mary Neu

HOWE — Mary C. Neu, 79, of Howe died at 9:20 a.m. Saturday, July 21, 2001, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

On Nov. 4, 1921, in LaGrange County, she was born to Samuel and Florence (Dalman) Baker. She married Harvey L. Neu on June 29, 1941, in Shipshewana. He survives.

The lifetime LaGrange County resident was retired from Duo-Therm where she worked from 1968 to 1985.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are two daughters and sons-in-laws, Sandra and James Rundell, of Flushing, Mich., and Barbara and Laurence Funk of Niles, Mich.; a brother, Samuel G. Baker of Shipshewana; and two grandsons, Alec Hosterman and Scott Rundell.

Two sisters, Georgia Hostetler and Agnes Brouwer, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Lima Presbyterian Church, Howe, with the Rev. Michael Wicks officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, Howe.

Memorials are to the Lima Presbyterian Church.

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Maxine Healey

STROH — Maxine M. Healey, 82, died Saturday, July 21, 2001, at home.

The homemaker lived all of her life in LaGrange County. She was a member of Stroh Church of God.

She was born April 5, 1919, in LaGrange County to Henry and Mary (Gaffney) Pant. On April 24, 1938, in South Milford, she married Carl J. Healey, who preceded her in death Sept. 11, 1987.

Five sisters and seven brothers also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Joyce Bolen of Garrett, Ky.; two sons, Robert Healey of Pahrump, Nev., and Kenneth Healey of Lake City, Mich.; a sister, Marguerite Fish of Three Rivers, Mich.; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Lloyd Jury officiating. Burial will be at Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Stroh Fire Department Ambulance Service.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **Rose Ann Eversman** were 11 a.m. Saturday, July 21, 2001, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating.

Burial was at Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Pallbearers were Doug and Eric Eversman, Stan Hood, John Butler, Joe Pranger and Bob Heath.

AVILLA — Funeral services for **Herman E. Young** were 10 a.m. Saturday, July 21, 2001, at Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla, with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating.

Burial was at Avilla Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Brian and Robert Abel, Robert and Curt Young, John Cardinal and Lynn Miller.

Arrangements were by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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James Kidd

COLUMBIA CITY — James Orville "Bill" Kidd, 68, died at 10:55 p.m. Sunday, July 22, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. He had been in failing health for six years, although he worked until Friday.

Mr. Kidd

The Fort Wayne resident lived in Kentucky until moving to Indiana 42 years ago. He attended school in Kentucky. He was employed at Holmes Lumber Co. and maintained boiler systems for the past 40 years, working third shift. A former resident of Columbia City, he was a member of Columbia City Eagles Lodge 1906.

He was born May 12, 1933, in Morgan County, Ky., to Jesse James Kidd and Adeline (Stidam) Kidd. On July 28, 1953, in Kentucky, he married Ora Jean Adkins, who survives in Columbia City.

Also surviving are four daughters and a son-in-law, Connie "Susie" and Kevin Benson of Columbia City, Cheryl G. Heath of Fort Wayne, Orvetta J. Snyder of New Paris, Ohio, and Angela C. Kidd of Burbank, Calif.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Billy and Betty Kidd and Ronnie and Linda Kidd, all of Columbia City, and James Keith Kidd of Andrews; a brother Dan Brooks of Morehead, Ky.; a sister, Florence Keeton of Morehead, Ky.; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Delmar Paul Kidd and Johnny Orville Kidd; a daughter, Lisa Kay, Kidd; five sisters, Gladys, Bertha, Irene, Rachel and Edna Kidd; and five brothers, Clarence, Raymond, Earl and Virgil Kidd and Delmar Brooks.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with Pastor John Cummings, Community Bible Church, officiating; and at 2 p.m. northeast Indiana time Friday at Dry Creek Church of God, Dry Creek, Ky., with Pastor David Keeton officiating. Burial will be at Hamilton Cemetery near Dry Creek.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Donald L. Taylor** were 11 a.m. Saturday, July 21, 2001, at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Revs. Thomas Clothier and Stanley Kessler officiating.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Pallbearers were Tom Kochanski, Keith Gillespie, Mike Holcomb and Troy, Donnie and Darrin Taylor.

John Hofstetter

GENEVA — John J. "J.J." Hofstetter, 59, died Monday at Jay County Hospital, Portland.

The Adams County native was a driver for Cheesman Trucking, Fort Recovery, Ohio.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy Hofstetter; a son, John J. Hofstetter IV of Geneva; three stepsons, Robert Affolder of Rome City and Fred and Bill Affolder, both of Geneva; two stepdaughters, Linda Bailey of Pennville and Rita Affolder of Bluffton; a sister, Ernesta Weidler of Angola; three brothers, Carl D. and Calvin E. Hofstetter, both of Geneva, and Jerry L. Hofstetter of Bewicia, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Cross United Church of Christ, Berne. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Downing Funeral Home, Geneva, and 9-10 a.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the Geneva Volunteer Fire Department, the church or donor's choice.

Mary Notestine

LAGRANGE — Mary "Jean" Notestine, 73, died at 9:35 p.m. Monday, July 23, 2001, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

She was born April 25, 1928, in Fairborn, Ohio, to William and Bessie (Robbins) Goodpastor. On Dec. 21, 1946, in LaGrange, she married Donald L. Notestine, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are four sons, Michael and Chase Notestine, both of Fresno, Calif., Mark Notestine of LaGrange and Mathew Notestine of San Francisco, Calif.; a daughter, Michelle Clark of San Diego, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Private memorial services will be held at a later date. Cremation has taken place.

There is no calling.

Arrangements are by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Charles Speicher

LAGRANGE — Charles Speicher, 87, died at 6 p.m. Monday, July 23, 2001, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

He worked as an inspector for the Oakland County Department of Public Works.

He was born Aug. 31, 1913, in Topeka to Milton and Zula (Mallon) Speicher. On March 10, 1946, in Reed City, Mich., he married Lola Grinell, who preceded him in death Oct. 19, 1997.

Four brothers, Elmer, Melroy, Robert and Ira Speicher, and a sister, Ida Speicher, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sisters, Catheryn Stahl of LaGrange and Martha Page of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; three brothers, Richard Speicher of Sault Saint Marie, Mich., Daniel Speicher of St. Louis, Mo., and Vernon Samuel Speicher of Millersburg; a stepgranddaughter; and a stepgrandson.

Memorial services will be at a later date at Eden Cemetery. Cremation is planned.

Arrangements are by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Opal Klein

KENDALLVILLE — Opal L. Klein, 96, died at 11:35 p.m. Monday at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

The member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville, had lived at Kendallville Manor for the past 10 years.

She was born March 12, 1905, in LaGrange to Jay and Daisy (Stout) Denman. In 1923 she married Russell J. Wolf, who preceded her in death in 1951. She married Joseph R. Klein in 1951. He preceded her in death in 1980.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Katherine Wolf; a sister, Emma Klein; and two brothers, Holis and Clayton Klein.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Russell and Alice Wolf of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Robert Mehl and Doris and Ervin Knepper, all of Elkhart; two sisters, Wava Metter of Angola and Ruby Hess of Muncie; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville. Burial will be at Woodland Cemetery.

Calling is 9-11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Lillie McMaster

WATERLOO — Lillie M. McMaster, 92, died today, July 25, 2001, at 5:15 a.m. in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville. She was a former Waterloo resident.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

A full obituary will be published in Thursday's edition.

Services Held

ALBION — Services for **James A. Hickman** were Sunday, July 22, 2001, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with Pastor Eric Ball officiating.

Burial was at Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

Pallbearers were Harold Bailey, Donald and Glen Hickman, Scott Mundon, Warren Patrick and Hugh Hickman III.

ALBION — Services for **Donna Belle Mendenhall** were Tuesday, July 24, 2001, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Albion, with Pastor Ann Marshall officiating.

Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Pallbearers were Douglas Leitch, James Stull, Jack Kurtz, David Eichelberger, Steve Likes and Shawn T. Mendenhall.

Arrangements were by Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

Emma Powell

KENDALLVILLE — Emma E. Powell, 89, died at 1:25 a.m. today, July 26, 2001, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Arrangements are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Mary Gremaux

MONROEVILLE — Mary C. Gremaux, 75, died Tuesday, July 24, 2001, at home.

The Allen County native was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Walter G. "Bud" Gremaux; five daughters, Linda M. Sherman of Albion, Connie J. Werling of Fort Wayne, Melanie S. Egri and Kay Gremaux, both of New Haven, and Rita L. Gremaux of Monroeville; three sons, Steven W. Gremaux of Woodburn, Mark S. Gremaux of Hoagland and Matthew K. Gremaux of Monroeville; a brother, Herbert J. Black of Fort Wayne; a sister, Betty A. Neuhaus of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren; a great-grandchild; four stepgrandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Prayers are 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home Jacobs Chapel, Monroeville. Mass of Christian Burial is at St. Rose Catholic Church, Monroeville. Burial will be at St. Louis Besancon Cemetery, New Haven.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, with a rosary said there at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Masses, the Monroeville Emergency Medical Services or the National Parkinson's Foundation Inc.

Sara Barton

WOLCOTTVILLE — Sara Ellen Barton, 58, died at 7:55 a.m. Wednesday, July 25, 2001, at home in rural Wolcottville after a lengthy illness.

The homemaker attended New Life Free Will Baptist Church, Ashley.

She was born Feb. 4, 1943, to Richard and Florence (Nott) Hazelton. On June 7, 1979, in Lebanon, Va., she married Ira Junior Barton, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Nanetta and James Tucker and Sheila and David Hicks, all of Wolcottville, and Christina and Ron Deel of Pinellas Park, Fla.; a son, Steven Barton of Wolcottville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Cecil and Margaret Hazelton and Richard and Julia Hazelton, all of Kendallville; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Barbara and Milo Lindzy of Warsaw and Beatrice Crooks of Reelsville; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A son, Jeffery Lynn Hazelton, preceded her in death Aug. 29, 1975.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at New Life Free Will Baptist Church. Burial will be at South Milford Cemetery.

Calling is after 2 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the family to help with funeral expenses.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Lillie McMaster

WATERLOO — Lillie M. McMaster, 92, died Wednesday, July 25, 2001, at 5:15 a.m. in the Shepherd of the Hill nursing home at Kendallville.

Mrs. McMaster was a homemaker and formerly lived in Waterloo. She was a member of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren in rural Ashley.

She was born Oct. 30, 1908, in Miniota, Manitoba, Canada, to George and Amelia (Robinson) Smithard.

She married Francis A. McMaster on April 5, 1931, in Brandon, Manitoba, Canada. He died in 1982.

Surviving her are one son, Howard McMaster of Sparks, Nev.; one daughter, Joan Milam of Kendallville; one sister, Helen Black of Killarney, Manitoba, Canada; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

One daughter, one brother and one sister preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Pastor Jeff Fackler officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, or Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

THE NEWS-SUN FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2001

Terry Casselman

KENDALLVILLE — Terry Lynn Casselman, 42, died Wednesday, July 25, 2001, at his parents' home on Little Long Lake, Kendallville, in a drowning accident.

The lifetime Kendallville area resident worked in tool maintenance at Dana, Kendallville. He was a 1977 graduate of East Noble High School.

Mr. Casselman

He was born March 13, 1959, in Kendallville to Harold O. "Salty" and Joyce Marie (Fritz) Casselman, who survive. On Sept. 28, 1996, in Waterloo, he married Cynthia A. Crager, who survives.

Also surviving are two stepdaughters, Anna and Melissa Tuttle of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Tana and Gary Franklin of Wawaka; and a nephew, Bradley Franklin of Wawaka.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Michael D. Sassanella of Victory Baptist Church, Waterloo, officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to A.R.C. of Noble County.

Carlis Watson

TRI-LAKES — Carlis E. "Chuck" Watson, 56, died at 10 p.m. Thursday, July 26, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City, following a one-year illness.

The former resident of Churubusco was the founder and owner of C.E. Watson Tree Service.

Among survivors are his wife, Sharon (Quickery) Watson; two sons, Carlis E. Watson Jr. of Fort Wayne and Steven E. Watson at home; and three daughters, Robin Ropke of Indianapolis, Candi Dennis of Huntington and Cristina Garcia of Churubusco.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

George Diehm

KENDALLVILLE — George Diehm, 68, died Thursday, July 26, 2001, at home.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

Vayne VanBuskirk

KENDALLVILLE — Vayne E. VanBuskirk, 94, died at 5:11 a.m. Thursday, July 26, 2001, at Hickory Creek of Kendallville.

He was born June 24, 1907, in Fort Wayne to Jesse and Grace (Koch) VanBuskirk. On Dec. 14, 1946, in Fort Wayne he married Katheryn June Davis.

Arrangements are pending at Billings Funeral Home, Elkhart.

THE NEWS-SUN SATURDAY, JULY 28, 2001

George Diehm

KENDALLVILLE — George F. Diehm, 68, died in his home at 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2001.

Mr. Diehm

Mr. Diehm was a part-time truck driver for Anderson's in Waterloo. He was retired from Hudson Truck.

He was born on Feb. 17, 1933, in Avilla, to Earl and Ella (Weimer) Diehm. They preceded him in death.

He married Dolores M. (Brand) Diehm on Sept. 3, 1994, in Townsend, Tenn. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Julie Diehm of Wolcottville, Jordan and Teri Priest of Waupun, Wis., Chris and Jamie Priest of Elletsville, and Jeff Priest of Garrett; one daughter, Amy Rogers of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren, Korbyn and Dustin Diehm, Wyatt Rogers, Jeremy Priest, Kristen and Amanda Gast, Richie Gast, Zaric and Zayne Priest and BJ and Mackenzie Clevenger; one sister, Dorothy Porter of Fort Wayne; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Wayne and Lois Diehm of Kendallville and Carl and Sharon Diehm of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla on Monday, July 30, at 10 a.m. Pastor Dean Bearman will officiate.

Calling will be on Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla and one hour prior to service at the church.

Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Carlis Watson Sr.

TRI-LAKES — Carlis E. "Chuck" Watson, Sr., 56, died at 10 p.m. Thursday, July 26, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

Mr. Watson

Mr. Watson was the owner of C.E. Watson Tree Service for the past ten years. He had worked for several tree surgery companies over the years.

He had formerly lived in Churubusco.

He was born on Aug. 10, 1944, in Oneida, Tenn., to Tollie and Nancy (Thomas) Watson. The family moved to the area when Mr. Watson was a boy.

He married Sharon (Quickery) Watson on November 13, 1965, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and one daughter-in-law, Carlis E. Watson, Jr., of Fort Wayne, Steven E. Watson, at home, and Robin and Danielle Ropke of Indianapolis; two daughters, Candi Dennis of Huntington, and Christina Garcia of Churubusco; four brothers, Joseph Watson of Fort Wayne, James and Otis Watson, both of Oneida, and Howard Watson of Greensburg; three sisters, Georgia Brown and Martha Watson, both of Oneida, and Geneva Smith of Riverview, Mich.; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Henry Watson, and a sister, Flora Choate.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. Paul D. White will officiate.

Calling is at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice in Columbia City and the American Cancer Society.

The following obituary is being reprinted to add information not originally provided to The News-Sun.

Sara Barton

WOLCOTTVILLE — Sara Ellen Barton, 58, died at 7:55 a.m. Wednesday, July 25, 2001, at home in rural Wolcottville after a lengthy illness.

The homemaker attended New Life Free Will Baptist Church, Ashley.

She was born Feb. 4, 1943, to Richard and Florence (Nott) Hazelton. On June 7, 1979, in Lebanon, Va., she married Ira Junior Barton, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Nanetta and James Tucker and Sheila and David Hicks, all of Wolcottville, and Christina and Ron Deel of Pinellas Park, Fla.; a son, Steven Barton of Wolcottville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Cecil and Margaret Hazelton and Richard and Julia Hazelton, all of Kendallville; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Barbara and Milo Lindzy of Warsaw and Beatrice Crooks of Reelsville; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A brother, Glenn Hazelton, preceded her in death in October 2000 in Florida, and his wife, Nancy Hazelton, survives in Florida.

A son, Jeffery Lynn Hazelton, preceded her in death Aug. 29, 1975.

Services are 10 a.m. today at New Life Free Will Baptist Church. Burial will be at South Milford Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family to help with funeral expenses.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Vayne VanBuskirk

KENDALLVILLE — Vayne E. VanBuskirk, 94, died Thursday, July 26, 2001, at 5:11 a.m. at Hickory Creek Extended Care in Kendallville.

Mr. VanBuskirk was formerly employed at Kenosha Auto Transport for 20 years where he worked as a truck driver. He worked at Fort Wayne Christian School as a bus driver and a custodian. He was also a custodian at First Assembly of God in Ligonier. Mr. VanBuskirk enjoyed oil painting and painting posters.

He was born on June 24, 1907, in Fort Wayne, to Jesse and Grace (Koch) VanBuskirk.

He married Katherine June (Davis) VanBuskirk on Dec. 14, 1946, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Janet VanBuskirk, of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Delores Sheak of Phoenix, Ariz., and Jacquelyn Poling and Pamela McCreary both of Kendallville; one stepdaughter, June Robertson of Kent, Wash.; one sister, Esther Spitznaugle, of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Michael VanBuskirk, a brother, Randall VanBuskirk and a sister, Ruth VanBuskirk.

Graveside services will be held on Monday at 2 p.m. at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pastor Zachary Rainey will officiate.

Burial will be at the cemetery following services.

Richard Mawhorter

GREENHILLS, Ohio — Richard J. Mawhorter, 73, died at his home on Thursday, July 26, 2001, at 10:40 p.m.

Mr. Mawhorter worked as a corporate officer for Ohio National Life for 24 years, retiring in 1989. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1946 to 1954. He also attended North Western University and was a graduate of Wawaka High School.

He was born on April 8, 1928, in Wawaka, to T.J. Sr. and Agnes M. (Evans) Mawhorter.

He married Louise (Hjeln) Mawhorter on Oct. 19, 1952. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughter-in-laws, Richard and Jennifer Mawhorter and Steven and Carolyn Mawhorter; one daughter and son-in-law, Jeanne and Chris Stewart; nine grandchildren, Sarah, Petter, John, Ross, Christopher, Michael and Jenny Mawhorter, and Anna and Claire Stewart; one brother and sister-in-law, the Rev. Edward and Mary Mawhorter; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Dorothy and Duane Lehman, and Sarah and Stephen Early.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, TJ Mawhorter Jr.

Services will be at Cosperville Baptist Church on Tuesday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time.)

Calling is at the church on Tuesday from noon until the time of the service.

Burial will be at Cosperville Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Cosperville Baptist Church or to Hospice of Cincinnati.

Emma Powell

KENDALLVILLE — Emma E. Powell, 83, died Thursday, July 26, 2001, at 1:25 a.m. in Proven Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mrs. Powell had worked as a housekeeper in her life.

She was born on Feb. 3, 1918, in Tekonsha, Mich., to Clarence S. and Dorothy (Morey) Powell. She had lived in Kendallville since 1942.

She is survived by her guardian and great-niece, Stephanie Landez, of Kendallville; and one sister, Carrie Van Auken, of Kendallville.

Three brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

Services will be held on Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hill. The Rev. Roger Olson will officiate.

Calling will be at the church two hours prior to the service.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Home.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services were held for **Opal L. Klein** on Thursday, July 26, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Father Jacob Gall officiated.

Burial was in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Pallbearers were Rick Temple, Jim Delp, Ryan Garrison, Jody Leighty, Rusty Spicher and Grant Knepper.

Arrangements were made by Hite Funeral Home.

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Clement Jablonski

LIGONIER — Clement J. Jablonski, 81, of Ligonier, died Thursday, July 26, 2001, at 2:05 p.m. at Kingston of Ligonier.

Mr. Jablonski was a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and a U.S. Navy veteran. He was former owner of the Ligonier Western Auto and was a member of the West Noble American Legion Post 243 of Ligonier.

He was born in Milwaukee, Wis., on May 16, 1920, to John and Antoinette (Bodus) Jablonski.

His wife, Loretta (Sokoloski) Jablonski, died in 1994

He is survived by a daughter, Barbara Adams of Goshen; a son, James Jablonski of Australia; a sister, Rita Sileno of LaQuinta, Calif.; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Three brothers and four sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 9:45 a.m. in Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. A Mass of Christian burial follows at 10 a.m. in St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier, with Father Bebesino Fernandes officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery in South Bend, with military graveside services at 1 p.m.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Emma Powell

KENDALLVILLE — Emma E. Powell, 83, died Thursday, July 26, 2001, at 1:25 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home at Avilla. She had been ill for three weeks.

She worked as a housekeeper and had lived in the Kendallville area since moving from Fremont in1942. She had resided at Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Home in Kendallville for the past seven years.

She was born in Tekonsha, Mich., on Feb. 3, 1918, to Clarence S. and Dorothy (Morey) Powell.

Surviving are her guardian and grandniece, Stephanie Landez of Kendallville, and one sister, Carrie Van Auken of Kendallville.

Three brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Home at Kendallville, with the Rev. Roger Olson, chaplain of Shepherd of the Hill, officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling is Tuesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hill.

Memorials to Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Home.

Arrangements were made by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Ruth Anna Oetting

FORT WAYNE — Ruth Anna Oetting, 81, died Thursday, July 26, 2001, at 2:42 p.m. at her daughter's home in Plymouth, Mich.

Mrs. Oetting was a native and lifetime resident of Fort Wayne. She worked at General Electric for six years during World War II.

She also worked for the East Allen County Schools as a baker for more than 15 years, retiring in 1987.

She was a homemaker and a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

She enjoyed traveling and shopping with her five daughters.

She was born June 29, 1920, in Fort Wayne to Ralph H. and Katherine (Meyer) Smith.

Her husband, Arthur Fredich Karl Oetting, died on May 26, 2001.

Surviving are five daughters, Ronda Oetting Majors of Plymouth, Mich., Joann Rice and Linda Gospodarek, both of Fort Wayne, Diane Cocks of Winona Lake and Doris Scheumann of Hoagland; four brothers, Roy Smith of Tampa, Fla., Walter Smith and Calvin Smith, both of Fort Wayne, and Melvin Smith of Apache Junction, Ariz.; four sisters, LaVon Myers of Butler, and Malvina Tindall, Maryetta Shive and Gloria Close, all of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Russell Smith and Ralph Smith, and a sister, Thelma Clem.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne. David Martin of Risen Christ Lutheran Church, Plymouth, Mich., will officiate.

Burial will be in the IOOF Cemetery, New Haven.

Calling is Monday from 1-3 and 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the University of Michigan Cancer Center, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0718.

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Elenor Mitchell

AUBURN — Elenor E. Mitchell, 67, died Saturday, July 28, 2001, at her home in Auburn.

Mrs. Mitchell was retired from her work as a scheduler at Auburn Gear. She was a member of Sigma Beta Sorority.

She was born in Auburn on Feb. 28, 1934.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Mitchell, in August 1992.

Surviving are her mother, Dorothy Mavis of Auburn; two sisters, Evelyn J. Greenfield and Ellen J. Wood, both of Auburn; two brothers, Donald E. Mavis of Berne and Darrell W. Mavis of Coldwater, Mich.; one stepdaughter, Julie Reuter of Fort Wayne; one stepson, Michael Mitchell of Leo-Cedarville; and six stepgrandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 4-7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Gladys Gardner

BERNE — Gladys Kathryne Gardner, 90, formerly of Kendallville, died Friday, July 27, 2001, at 10:35 p.m. in Adams County Hospital in Decatur.

Mrs. Gardner moved to Swiss Village at Berne in 2000 from St. Clair Shores, Mich.

She managed the Chicago Motor Club office in Kendallville for 13 years, retiring in 1973. She was a memberFaith United Methodist Church in Kendallville and its Esther Circle, and was a past member of the Business and Professional Women of Kendallville. She also was an original, 25-year member of the Garden Club and a past president.

She was born in Pandora, Ohio, on Sept. 23, 1910, to Carl Benjamin Gerber and Iva L. (Alexander) Gerber.

She married Leonard Harold Gardner in Fort Wayne on June 25, 1938. He died Jan. 23, 1980.

Surviving are one daughter, Joan Gardner of Seattle, Wash.; one sister, Ladonna C. Walker of Helton, Ky.; and one granddaughter, Amy Roche.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Norma Kay "Maggie" Gardner, on June 3, 1989; and two brothers, Kenneth B. Gerber and Eugene H. Gerber.

There will be no services or calling. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville at a later date.

Memorials are to Faith United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are being made by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Rosanna Koch

FORT WAYNE — Rosanna J. Koch, 76, died Saturday at home.

The Avilla native owned Pool and Patio since 1964.

Surviving are a daughter, Kathleen DePrey of Fort Wayne; two sons, Gary and William Koch, both of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Elise Keck of Kendallville and Lucille Isabell of Flat Rock, Mich.; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Herbert O. Koch, preceded her in death in 1995.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Praise Lutheran Church, 1115 W. Dupont Road. Burial will be at Concordia Gardens.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave.

Memorials are to the church and Parkview Hospice.

Jack Lewis

FORT WAYNE — Jack L. Lewis, 72, died at 5:40 a.m. Monday, July 30, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient since Thursday.

The lifelong Allen County resident had lived at his present home since 1950. He was employed as an auto body repairman for several area Chevrolet dealerships over the years, later working at Knipshire Auto Body, Fort Wayne. He retired as a construction worker for McComb Home Builders, Huntertown, in 1990. He was a member of Bethel United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne, Churubusco F&AM Lodge 515, Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136 and Fort Wayne Eagles Aerie 248.

Mr. Lewis

He was born Aug. 1, 1928, in Fort Wayne to David L. and Violet Florence (Steadman) Lewis. On June 10, 1950, in Fort Wayne he married Beverly Reynolds, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mari L. and Brian Davis of Huntertown; two sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald C. and Marilyn Lewis of Fort Wayne and Donald L. and Kayleen Lewis of DeRidder, La.; and six grandchildren, Jason, Jeffrey and April Davis and Jeremy, David and Daniel Lewis.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Bethel United Methodist Church, 8405 Lima Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Marilyn J, Gebert of that church officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church. Order of Eastern Star services at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, followed by Masonic Lodge services.

Memorials are donor's choice.

Anthony Paul

CHURUBUSCO — Anthony P. "Tony" Paul, 79, died at 6:05 p.m. Sunday, July 29, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient since July 23.

The resident of rural Churubusco had moved with his parents to Monterey, Ind., as a youth. As a young man he was a milk hauler. He spent the early years of his marriage in Pulaski County, and moved from Crooked Lake to his present home near Ari in 1987. He farmed in Eel River Township with his father-in-law for a time, and worked as a truck driver and dockman for Teamsters Local 414 for many years. He retired from C.W. Transport, Fort Wayne, in 1984.

Mr. Paul

He was born April 18, 1922, in Cook County, Ill., to Anthony Joseph and Lillian (Loewe) Paul. On Aug. 30, 1947, in Woodburn he married Merle Dawson, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Linda Paul of Mt. Airy, Md., Terry and Kay Paul of North Manchester and Garry and Judy Paul of Avilla; and seven grandchildren, M. Vincent, Krista, Nicholas, Kari, Chad, Brian and Jason Paul.

A sister, Evelyn Jolly, preceded him in death.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. John Suciu of Wallen Baptist Church officiating. Entombment will be at St. Paul Mausoleum, Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling is 5-8 p.m. today and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Whitley County EMS Medic 21.

The following obituary is being reprinted to present additional information not originally provided to The News-Sun.

Rosanna Koch

FORT WAYNE — Rosanna J. Koch, 76, died Saturday, July 28, 2001, at her Fort Wayne home.

She had lived in the Fort Wayne area most of her life. She owned Pool and Patio since 1964. She was a member of Praise Lutheran Church and the Civil Air Patrol for many years.

She was born Jan. 11, 1925, in Avilla. On Feb. 23, 1946, in Avilla she married Herbert O. Koch, who preceded her in death Jan. 22, 1995.

A sister, Martha Greenwood, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Kathleen DePrey of Fort Wayne; two sons, Gary and William Koch, both of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Elise Keck of Kendallville and Lucille Isabell of Flat Rock, Mich.; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Praise Lutheran Church, 1115 W. Dupont Road. Burial will be at Concordia Gardens.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave.

Memorials are to the church and Parkview Hospice.

Glen Wiese

KENDALLVILLE — Glen T. "Tom" Wiese, 66, died at 2 a.m. today, Tuesday, July 31, 2001, at home in Kendallville.

Among survivors are his wife, Ruth A. Wiese of Kendallville, three sons and a daughter.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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James Shields

FORT WAYNE — James E. Shields, 57, died Friday, July 27, 2001, at Van Wert County Hospital, Van Wert, Ohio.

The Paulding, Ohio, native was a self-employed general construction worker and a veteran of the U.S. Army in the Vietnam War.

Surviving are a son, Jamie Shields of Greenwood; a daughter, Stacy Shields of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Carolyn Troyer of LaGrange.

There are no services or calling. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the Disabled American Veterans of Indiana.

Arrangements are by DenHerder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Thomas Hontz

COLUMBIA CITY — Thomas J. Hontz, 83, died Sunday, July 29, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Noble County native was a custodian at Columbia City Joint High School, retiring in 1987 after 12 years. He had also been a farmer.

His first wife, Doris A. Hontz, preceded him in death in 1985.

Surviving are his wife, Florence Hontz of Minnesota; two daughters, Janice Bockelman and June Besson, both of Columbia City; a stepdaughter, Judy McClure of Minnesota; a brother, Dale C. Hontz of Kimmell; two sisters, Mary Harmon of Warsaw and Erma Stump of Kimmell; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; and four step-greatgrandchildren.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial will be at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Services Held

ASHLEY — Funeral services for **Sara E. Barton** were 10 a.m. Saturday, July 28, 2001, at New Life Free Will Baptist Church, Ashley, with the Rev. Paul Slone officiating.

Burial was at South Milford Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Phil and Paul Hazelton, James and Jeff Tucker, Chad Johnson, David Hicks, Chris Rodman and Eric Joseph.

Arrangements were by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Terry Lynn Casselman** were 11 a.m. Monday, July 30, 2001, at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Michael D. Sassanella officiating.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Pallbearers were Tony Aungst, Jim and Andrew Brady, John Thompson, Fred Schneider and Greg Bortner.

Honorary pallbearer was Jim Colter.

AVILLA — Services for **George F. Diehm** were 10 a.m. Monday, July 30, 2001, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating.

Burial was at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Pallbearers were Tim, Craig, Kevin, Jonathan, Wayne and Roger Diehm.

Arrangements were by Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

Franklin Harter

FORT WAYNE — Franklin "Bud" Harter, 68, died Sunday, July 29, 2001, at home.

The Noble county native was a tool grinder at Zollner Piston for 36 years and a veteran of the U.S. Army in the Korean War.

Surviving are a daughter, Tina Dawson of Raleigh, N.C.; his mother, Cleo L. Harter of Fort Wayne; five brothers, Gene and Robert Harter, both of Fort Wayne, Larry Harter of Gas City, John Harter of Hernandez, Miss., and Jim Harter of New Haven; four sisters, Kathleen Nodine of Clearwater, Fla., Juanita Gasper of Decatur and Barbara Wilcox and Pam Reed, both of Fort Wayne; and a grandchild.

His wife, Garnet Harter, preceded him in death in 1994.

Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave. Burial with military graveside services will be at Eel River Cemetery, Allen County.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Glen Wiese

KENDALLVILLE — Glen T. "Tom" Wiese, 66, died at 2 a.m. Tuesday, July 31, 2001, at his home in Kendallville after a year-long illness.

He was formerly employed at Superior Foundry and Grabler Manufacturing in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1966 he moved to Tiffin, Ohio, and was employed as a foundry engineer, first at the new Grabler Manufacturing facility, then with Hayes-Albion Corp. While in Tiffin he was a leader of Boy Scout Troop 462, a Junior Achievement advisor, a member of the Tiffin Jaycees, president of the Clinton Township Little League, and a baseball and softball coach. In 1986 he moved to Kendallville, where he worked for Newnam Manufacturing until he retired in 1996.

He was a member of the American Foundrymen's Society and the National Street Rod Association. He became a volunteer and later a member of the board of directors of the Mid-America Windmill Museum in Kendallville.

He was born June 24, 1935, in Cleveland to Reuben Carl and Altina Aldora (Peterson) Wiese. On June 1, 1957, in Shaker Heights, Ohio, he married Ruth Ann Helber, who survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are three sons, David and Brian Wiese, both of Tiffin, and Daniel Wiese of Temperance, Mich.; a daughter, Karen Clapper of East Canton, Ohio; three brothers, William and Raymond Wiese, both of Cleveland, and Terrance Wiese of Segalville, Texas; four sisters, Ruby Stevens of Stow, Ohio, and Nancy Clymer, Joyce Nichols and Joan Walker, all of Cleveland; five grandsons; a granddaughter; and a stepgranddaughter.

His twin sister, Janice Wiese, preceded him in death.

A celebration of life gathering is at 2 p.m. on Aug. 19 at the Mid-America Windmill Museum Wiese Pavilion with the Rev. Jan Kucera of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Tiffin, officiating.

Memorials are to the museum's Tom Wiese Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 5048, Kendallville, IN 46755.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Robert Anderson I

FORT WAYNE — Robert C. Anderson I, 72, died Monday, July 30, 2001, at home.

The Fort Wayne native retired in 1982 as a building engineer manager from GTE (now Verizon) after 32 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Elfrieda C. Anderson; four daughters, Deporah L. Hornberger of Kendallville, Linda D. Halter and Leesa C. Kern, both of Fort Wayne, and Cynthia A. Bis of Westlake, Ohio; a son, Robert C. Anderson II of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Vergil C. Anderson of Fort Wayne and Donald N. Anderson of Colorado; and 11 grandchildren.

Services are 1 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road. Entombment will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is 6-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Frederick Stevenson

NEW HAVEN — Frederick L. Stevenson, 85, died Sunday, July 29, 2001, at home.

The LaGrange native was a forklift operator at Wickes Lumber for 30 years.

Surviving are a son, Frederick J. Stevenson Jr. of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Katherine Dierkes of Ocklawakha, Fla., and Sally Beason of Tucson, Ariz.; two stepsons; five stepdaughters; many grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his first wife, Doris D. Stevenson, in 1987, and his second wife, Myrtle D. Stevenson, in 1998.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Entombment will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is 5-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Moeller Road Wesleyan Church.

The following obituary is being reprinted to correct errors.

Gladys Gardner

BERNE — Gladys Kathryne Gardner, 90, formerly of Kendallville, died Friday, July 27, 2001, at 10:35 p.m. in Adams County Hospital in Decatur.

She moved to Swiss Village at Berne in December, 2000, from Kendallville. She moved to Kendallville in the 1940s from St. Clair Shores, Mich. She managed the Chicago Motor Club office in Kendallville for 13 years, retiring in 1973. She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church, Kendallville, and its Esther Circle, and was a past member of the Business and Professional Women of Kendallville. She also was an original, 25-year member of the Garden Club and a past president.

She was born Sept. 23, 1910, in Pandora, Ohio, to Carl Benjamin Gerber and Iva L. (Alexander) Gerber. She married Leonard Harold Gardner in Fort Wayne on June 25, 1938. He preceded her in death Jan. 23, 1980.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Norma Kay "Maggie" Gardner, on June 3, 1989; and two brothers, Kenneth B. Gerber and Eugene H. Gerber.

Surviving are a daughter, Joan Gardner of Seattle, Wash.; a sister, Ladonna C. Walker of Helton, Ky.; and a granddaughter, Amy Roche.

Memorial services will be at a later date. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville at a later date.

Memorials are to Faith United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Ruth Pyck

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth Pyck, 69, died unexpectedly about 9 p.m. Monday, July 30, 2001, at her home north of Kendallville.

Mrs. Pyck

She was a homemaker.

She was born Aug. 23, 1931, to Miles M. and Ada (Slone) Slone. On Aug. 4, 1951, in Logan, W.Va., she married Andy Raymond Pyck, who survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Connie Pyck of Auburn and Gregory and Kim Pyck of Leo-Cedarville; three daughters and sons-in-law, Dinah and James W. Pierson Jr. and Nancy and Donald Shippy Jr., all of Kendallville, and Andrea and Tim France of Chattanooga, Tenn.; three sisters, Ruby Tiller of Nashville, Tenn., and Marinda Slone and Marie Prater, both of McArthur, Ohio; three brothers, Bernard Slone of Phoenix, Ariz., Clyde Slone of Ohio and Herman Slone of Kentucky; 12 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

A sister, Mrytle Pratt, and two brothers, Kay and Winston Slone, preceded her in death.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Emma E. Powell** were Tuesday, July 31, 2001, in the chapel at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville, with Chaplain Roger Olson officiating.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Pallbearers were Wilbur, James, Wayne and Jamie VanAuken, Harold Payton and Bill Powell.

Arrangements were by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

The following item is being rerun to correct an error in information provided to The News-Sun.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Terry Lynn Casselman** were 11 a.m. Monday, July 30, 2001, at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Michael D. Sassanella officiating.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Tony Aungst, Jim and Andrew Brady, John Thompson, Fred Schneider and Greg Bortner.

Honorary pallbearer was Timothy Byerley.

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Richard J. Mawhorter, 73

GREENHILL, OH-Richard J. Mawhorter, 73, of Greenhills, OH died at his residence in Ohio on Thursday, July 26, 2001 at 10:40 p.m.

He was born on April 8, 1928 in Wawaka the son of TJ Sr. and Agnes M. (Evans) Mawhorter, being educated in Indiana schools, graduated from Wawaka High School and attended North Western University. He served in the U. S. Navy from 1946 to 1954.

On Oct. 19, 1952 he married Louise Hjeln. He was a corporate officer of Ohio National Life Co. for twenty-four years, retiring in 1989.

He is survived by his wife Louise Mawhorter; two sons, Richard (Jennifer) Mawhorter PhD and Steven (Carolyn) Mawhorter, MD; one daughter Jeanne (Chris PhD) Stewart; nine grandchildren: Sarah, Peter, John, Ross, Christopher, Michael, and Jenny Mawhorter and Anna and Claire Stewart; one brother Rev. Edward (Mary) Mawhorter; and two sisters Dorothy (Duane) Lehman and Sarah (Stephen) Early.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother TJ Mawhorter, Jr.

Funeral services were held at Cosperville Baptist Church on Tuesday, July 31, 2001. Burial was in Cosperville Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Cosperville Baptist Church or to Hospice of Cincinnati, 4310 Cooper Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45242. Paul R. Young Funeral Home, Mt. Healthy, Ohio were in charge of arrangements.

Robert William Holt, 77

FOREST LAKES, AZ-Robert William Holt of Sun City and Forest Lakes, AZ, passed away July 5, 2001. He was born in New Haven, IN, on December 17, 1923, to Lewis and Emma Hollopeter. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn Byer Holt and three brothers; Willard of Albion and Earl and Lloyd of Marion, IN. He is also survived by two sons, Robert and Steven, and two daughters, Carol Rodgers and Barbara Holt, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild, all of Phoenix, AZ.

Preceding him in death were his sister, Stella, and four brothers, Harry, Wayne, Ross, and Leonard.

Robert graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1942. He was a machinist and for fifteen years a foreman before retiring from D'Velco at age 62.

The Memorial Service was held on July 12 at Monte Vista Baptist Church of Phoenix, where he was a member.

Mr. Holt was formerly known as Robert Hollopeter.

Joseph Keller

HOWE — Joseph T. Keller, 87, died at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

He retired as a tool and die maker from Sutton Tool Co., Sturgis, Mich. He moved to Sturgis from LaGrange in 1946. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and its Holy Name Society. He enjoyed golfing at Herron Creek and Cedar Lake golf clubs.

He was born Aug. 3, 1913, in Sturgis, to Joseph T. and Alice M. (Thurston) Keller. On Sept. 7, 1935, in Sturgis he married Dorothy M. Doak, who preceded him in death July 14.

A granddaughter, Susan Lynn Keller, and two sisters, Mary Alice Schulz and Grace M. Eagan, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Patsy and Ronald Swafford of Niceville, Fla., Sarah and David Weaver of LaGrange and Martha and Ross Eagleson of Fort Wayne; three sons and daughters-in-law, Michael J. and Pat Keller of Oxnard, Calif., Philip M. and Diane Keller of Destin, Fla., and Steven J. and Tamara Keller of Aptos, Calif.; 24 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchilden; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, LaGrange, with the Rev. Paul Faroh officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with a rosary said at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to church Masses and the Alzheimer's Association.

James Herendeen

WAWAKA — James E. Herendeen, 77, died at 8:50 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2001, at his home in rural Wawaka.

Among survivors are his wife, Joanna M. Herendeen; a son, Larry Herendeen of Brimfield; and two daughters, Barbara Huth of Wolcottville and Sharon Waltenberger of Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Louise Dekarske

FORT WAYNE — Louise A. Dekarske, 88, died July 19, 2001, at Lutheran Home, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are three nephews, James Thatcher of Avilla, William Thatcher of Clearwater, Fla., and Dennis Thatcher of Carmichael, Calif.; and two nieces, Sharon Goodson of Fort Wayne and Marilyn McIlveen of Largo, Fla.

Her husband, Elmer Dekarske, preceded her in death in 1995.

There are no services. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

There is no calling.

Arrangements are by C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne.

Angel Salazar

FORT WAYNE — Angel Salazar, infant, died Friday, July 27, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her parents, Maria and Jose Salazar of Fort Wayne; two brothers Erik Salazar and Jose Salazar Jr., both of Fort Wayne; and two grandparents, Isidro Salazar and Nicolaza Hernandez.

Graveside services are 2 p.m. Friday at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

There is no calling.

Arrangements are by Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne.

Howard Smith

KENDALLVILLE — Howard R. Smith, 89, died Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2001, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

The Allen County native formerly lived in Fort Wayne, Ossian and Yoder. He was a retired farmer.

Surviving are a daughter, Connie E. Lake of Wolcottville; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

His wife, Edna M. Smith, preceded him in death in 1999.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Friday at Elzey-Patterson Rodak Funeral Home Ossian Chapel. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ossian United Methodist Church.

Don Luttman

HUDSON — Don H. Luttman, 74, died Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2001, at 1:20 p.m. in his Hudson home.

Mr. Luttman served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. He retired from farming in Avilla in 1974. He worked as an electrician at Zollner Corp. in Fort Wayne for 34 years, retiring in 1989. Since his retirement, he has spent winters in Sebring, Fla., and summers in Hudson. He attended the Hudson United Methodist Church.

He was born July 11, 1927, in Hudson to Jennings and Beatrice (Howard) Luttman.

He married Janice M. Gaetz on March 21, 1986, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Dave and Kimberly Luttman of Las Vegas, Nev., Matthew and Nancy Luttman of Pizen, Czech Republic, and Joseph Luttman of Flagstaff, Ariz.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Suzanne Luttman and Mike Gudis of Santa Clara, Calif., and Laura and Doug Soboslay of Phoenix, Ariz.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Joyce and Ken Thomas of Ashley; a stepson and his wife, Robert and Heather Gaetz of Ashley; a brother, Roger Luttman of Sebring, Fla.; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Kenneth Ludwig officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hudson Volunteer Fire Department or Thoughts of Faith Czech Mission, 900 Market St., Oregon WI 53575.

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Darla Randol

ANGOLA — Darla L. Randol, 46, died at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2001, at home in rural Angola.

The office clerk at EMF Corp., Angola, lived most of her life in LaGrange and Steuben counties. She attended East Springfield Methodist Church.

She was born July 3, 1955, in LaGrange to Kenneth M. and Mildred (Hose) Coney. Her mother survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Michael W. and Trenton J. Randol, both of Angola, and Brian and Kristen Randol and Brandon and Colleen Randol, all of LaGrange; five sisters, Sharlla Zimmerman, Rebecca Angus and Nina Randol, all of Angola, and Deanna Johnson and Kathy Randol, both of LaGrange; three brothers, Tom, Ken and Tim Coney, all of LaGrange; and six grandchildren.

A son, Travis Randol, preceded her in death June 15, 1997.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be at Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Herbert Brown Sr.

FREMONT — Herbert J. Brown Sr., 84, of Fremont, died Tuesday, July 31, 2001, in Fremont.

A 50-year Jamestown Township resident, he was a retired Indiana Toll Road employee and a self-employed carpenter.

He was born June 22, 1917, in Steuben County to Ray and Delilah (Hulse) Brown.

On Feb. 21, 1942, in Angola, he married Martha E. Miller. She survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Paul Tatro and Nancy and Robert Rice, all of Fremont; a son, Herbert John Brown, Jr., of LaGrange; 12 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Helen Lytle of Fremont, Marie Crooks of Huntertown and Maxine Romine of Columbia City; and a brother, Edward Brown of Auburn.

A great-grandchild, Emily Harger, and three sisters, Edith Brown, Esther Boese and Pauline Watters, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Dale Gerig officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Jamestown Church in Fremont.

Audrey Mayer

WOLCOTTVILLE — Audrey Krantz Mayer, 70, died at 10:22 a.m. Monday, July 30, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The retired school teacher from Elmhurst, Ill., moved from Elmhurst to Wolcottville in 1988. She attended First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, and was a member of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association, Delta Delta Delta Sorority and SAI Music Honorary.

She was born Nov. 9, 1930, in Galesburg, Ill., to C. Edwin and Alvera (Peterson) Krantz. Her mother survives in Oneida, Ill. On July 3, 1954, in Ontario, Ill., she married Robert J. Mayer, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Gregory and Claudia Mayer of Palatine, Ill., and Brian and Janet Mayer of Wheaton, Ill.; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Hal Brettmann of Overland Park, Kan.; a brother, Gayle Krantz of Oneida; two sisters, Dixie Slater of Arlington, Texas, and Alberta Newburgh of Wataga, Ill.; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial services are 8:30 a.m. Sept. 2 at Presbyterian Church, Oneida, with the Rev. Carolyn Weber officiating. Private interment will be at a later date.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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Carl Gappinger Jr.

SPOONER, Wis. — Carl M. Gappinger Jr., 73, died at 11:27 a.m. Monday, July 30, 2001, at Spooner Health Systems, Spooner.

The retired sales representative for Matco Tools lived most of his life in LaGrange County. After retirement he purchased the Bashaw Lake Resort, Dewey, Wis. He served in the 40th Bomber Wing of the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He was a member of Lakeview United Methodist Church, Hertel, Wis.

He was born Feb. 4, 1928, in Noble County to Carl M. Gappinger Sr. and Jennie M. (Gallup) Gappinger. On April 7, 1957, in Malinta, Ohio, he married Myra J. Aderman, who preceded him in death Sept. 8, 1986. On March 18, 1990, in LaGrange, he married Ruth (Schrock) Ray, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Lori Gappinger and Carla and Terry Gans, all of Howe; two stepsons and their wives, John and Tanya Ray of LaGrange and Michael and Ann Ray of White Pigeon, Mich.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Sue and Robert McClellan of Elkhart; a sister and brother-in-law, Josephine and Kenneth Shemberger of LaGrange; five grandchildren; 10 stepgrandchildren; and several stepgreat-grandchildren.

A sister also preceded him in death.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

James Herendeen

WAWAKA — James E. Herendeen, 77, died at 8:50 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2001, at his residence after a lengthy illness.

On May 17, 1924, in Green Township in Noble County, he was born to Homer E. and Bertha Ellen (Diffendafer) Herendeen. He married Joanna M. Wells on July 28, 1945, in Kendallville at the Church of God. She survives.

Mr. Herendeen was a self-employed auto mechanic and owner/operator of Herendeen's Garage in Brimfield from the 1950s until his retirement in 1985.

He served in the U.S. Army in 1942 and was a member of American Legion Post 381 in Rome City.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two daughters and sons-in-laws, Barbara and Ervin Huth of Wolcottville, and Sharon and Lonnie Waltenberger of Kendallville; a son, Larry Herendeen of Brimfield; a sister, Neva Musselman of Kendallville; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Two sons, Jimmie and Gary Herendeen; three brothers, Lawrence, Elda and Garry Herendeen, and four sisters, Dorothy Latta, Lenia Leitch, Velda Leitch and Hilda Leitch preceded him in death.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Tom Herendeen officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Brimfield.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Parkview Noble Hospice, 109 E. Central St., Suite 2, LaGrange IN 46767 or to Children First Center, P.O. Box 166, Auburn IN 46706.

Mary Likens

HUDSON — Mary K. Likens, 79, died Friday, Aug. 3, 2001, at 4:35 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Winona Guyas

DEFIANCE, Ohio — Winona M. Guyas, 88, of Defiance died Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2001, at home.

In Sherwood, Ohio, on Aug. 30, 1912, she was born to George and Hattie (Goodenough) Gloor. She married Joseph Guyas on Jan. 29, 1929, in Defiance. He preceded her in death in 1982.

Mrs. Guyas was past owner and builder of the Cromwell Laundromat in Cromwell, Ind., a homemaker and enjoyed gardening and baking.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Margaret and Darwin Hursey of Cisco, Ill., and Donna Pepple of Defiance; two sons and daughters-in-law, George and Sharon Guyas of Syracuse, Ind., and William and Carol Guyas of Ligonier, Ind., 16 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Her parents, a brother, four sisters and a grandchild preceded her in death.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with Rev. Donald Poyser officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Preferred donations are to a hospice program or to the donor's choice.

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This obituary is being republished to correct errors.

James Herendeen

WAWAKA — James E. Herendeen, 77, died at 8:50 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2001, at his residence after a lengthy illness.

On May 17, 1924, in Green Township in Noble County, he was born to Homer E. and Bertha Ellen (Diffendafer) Herendeen. He married Joanna M. Wells on July 28, 1945, in Kendallville at the Church of God. She survives.

He was a self-employed auto mechanic and owner-operator of Herendeen's Garage in Brimfield from the 1950s until his retirement in 1985. He served in the U.S. Army in 1942 and was a member of American Legion Post 381 in Rome City.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a son, Larry Herendeen of Brimfield; two daughters and son-in-laws, Barbara and Ervin Huth of Wolcottville, and Sharon and Lonnie Waltenberger of Kendallville; a sister, Neva Musselman of Kendallville; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Two sons, Jimmy and Garry Herendeen; three brothers, Lawrence, Elda and Garry Herendeen; and four sisters, Dorothy Latta, Lenia Leitch, Velda Leitch and Hilda Leitch preceded him in death.

Services are 2 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Tom Herendeen officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery, Brimfield.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice, 109 E. Central St., Suite 2, LaGrange IN 46767 or to Children First Center, P.O. Box 166, Auburn IN 46706.

Mary Likens

HUDSON — Mary Kathryn Likens, 79, of rural Hudson, died Friday, Aug. 3, 2001, at 4:35 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

An avid golfer and bowler, she was a member of the Salem Center Presbyterian Church, where she was an elder and a member of the Ladies Aid of the church.

She was a member of Lady Elks of Garrett and the American Legion Auxiliary of Garrett, as well as a 50-year member of the Ashley Order of Eastern Star No. 229.

She did volunteer work at the Garrett Hospital Auxiliary and was a past president of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Garrett, a member of the Steuben County Women's Club, and was active in the Child Welfare Clinic of Angola.

She was a graduate of Kendallville High School. She formerly worked for Spencer Florist in Garrett and Auburn and Throop Florist in Angola.

She was born Sept. 26, 1921, in Noble County to Charles and Louise (Fritz) Haverfield.

She married Richard W. Likens on Dec. 21, 1947, in Kendallville. He survives

Also surviving are: a daughter and son-in-law, Randy and Sue Ann Williams of Angola; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Bobbie Likens of Angola; a sister, Betty Newman of Kendallville; a niece and two great-nieces, and three grandchildren, Shawn A. and Chad D. Severe and Erica N. Likens.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Joan Iddings.

Services will be held at Tuesday 11 a.m. at the Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with the Rev. Howard Compton officiating.

Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to Salem Center Presbyterian Church or Shriners Hospital for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa FL 33607.

Harold Statler

ALBION — Harold Joseph Statler, 71, was found dead in his semi on Highway 20 at Racine, Wis., at 3:50 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, 2001.

A 1947 graduate of St. Thomas High School, St. Thomas, Pa., he was reared in Pennsylvania, At age 35 he moved to Indiana. He lived in the Noble County and Whitley County areas the rest of his life. He was a general farmer and worked for 40 years as a long-haul truck driver for Daily Express, Carlisle, Pa. He was a member of Columbia City Eagles Lodge 1906.

He was born Sept. 9, 1929, in Chambersburg, Pa., to Harry Nelson and Clara (Myers) Statler. On Dec. 3, 1971, in Front Royal, Va. he married Colleen Phyllis Myers, who survives in Albion.

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Alan R. and Vickie Statler of Chambersburg, Pa., David A. and Jill Hendrickson of Columbia City, Dwight Hendrickson of Kendallville, and Bradley Statler and his special friend, Laura Cook, of Kendallville; five daughters and sons-in-law, Trudy and Dan Gaerte, Deb and Al Gaerte, Denise and Gary Schott and Diane and Paul Mosley, all of Albion, and Susan and Tom Asbury of Brandy, Va.; a sister, Viola M. McLucas of LeMaster, Pa.; 31 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services are at 1 p.m. Monday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Pastor John Cummings, Community Bible Church, Columbia City, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

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Blanche Cook

BUTLER — Blanche E. Cook, 80, died Friday, Aug. 3, 2001, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

A 1938 graduate of St. Joe High School, she also graduated from Warner Beauty College, Fort Wayne. She retired in in 1978 as an assembly worker for Crane Edmund in Butler.

She attended Broadway Christian Church, Fort Wayne, and was a caretaker for Newville Cemetery. She enjoyed camping, fishing and playing Scrabble.

She was born Sept. 4, 1920, in St. Joe to George and LuReign (Thomas) Strong.

On Jan. 20, 1942, in St. Joe she married Merritt Eugene Newton, who preceded her in death July 13, 1946.

On June 3, 1950, in Angola she married Wendell A. Cook, who survives in Butler.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, William and Carol Winebrenner of Fremont, Gary and Jean Prough of Butler and Cherie Buck of Pleasant Lake; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Thomas and Catherine Cook of Butler, Glen Cook of Butler and Lavoy Cook of Hicksville, Ohio; three sisters, June Brown of Kendallville, Alice Hose of Butler and Coral Steckley of Auburn; three brothers, Lloyd Strong of Fremont, Grant Strong of Wabash and Harry Strong of St. Joe; 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Doris Eleaine Newton, in 1984.

Private family services will be held Monday at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville. Burial will be in Newville Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Paul Walsdorf Jr.

ALBION — Paul Michael Walsdorf Jr., 61, died at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, 2001, at home in Albion.

The retired pattern maker had lived in Albion 10 years, coming there from Hobart. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla.

He was born Dec. 9, 1939, in Chicago to Paul Michael Walsdorf Sr. and Lucille D. (Flesch) Walsdorf.

On May 7, 1960, in Chicago he married Grace "Betti" Strey, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Paul and Sandra Walsdorf and John and Laurie Walsdorf, all of Hobart, and Jeff and Jennifer Walsdorf of Houston, Texas; a daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia and Scott Millington of Decatur; two sisters, Dorothy Flanagan of Naceheh, Wis., and Ann Sporer of Terre Haute; and five grandchildren, Amanda, Andrew, Jennifer and Meghann Walsdorf and Grant Millington.

A son, Charles Walsdorf, and a brother, Thomas Walsdorf, preceded him in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and 10-11 a.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Ruth Pyck** were 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 3, 2001, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jason, Tyler, Ryan and Cole Pyck, Timothy France, Don Shippy Jr. and Zack Mobley.

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Patricia Macy

CHURUBUSCO — Patricia L. Macy, 69, of Churubusco, died Friday, Aug. 3, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Macy

She had worked at Dana Corp. in Columbia City for 12 years, and was a member of Big Lake Church of God north of Columbia City since age 14.

She was born Oct. 6, 1931, in Wolcottville, to John Claude and Lula Mae (Gevedon) Halsey. She grew up in the Kimmell community, and graduated from Albion High School in 1949.

On Oct. 11, 1952, she married Charles E. Macy, and lived most of her married life in Churubusco. Her husband survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Tina Macy of Ege; a daughter and son-in-law, Phyllis and James Eckert of Churubusco; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Ralleigh Halsey of Kimmel, Delver and Iona Halsey of Rome City, and Marion and Pearl Halsey of Cromwell; a sister and brother-in-law, Justine and Norbert Gaff of Green Acres, Fla.; five grandchildren, Nathan Macy and companion Denise Stine, of Fort Wayne, Dustin Macy and companion Jessi Vargo, of LaOtto, Molly Macy of Ege, Bradley Eckert of Churubusco and Huong Nguyen of Churubusco.

Two sisters, Stella Halsey and Dora Lawson, and five brothers, Bishop William Fred, Kelly, Elbert, Warren and Denny Halsey, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at Big Lake Church of God, with the Rev. J. Phillip Blake and the Rev. Gregory Capsel officiating. Calling will be Sunday 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, and noon-1 p.m. Monday at the church.

Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell. Memorials are to the family.

Larry Geisinger

ALBION — Larry Michael Geisinger, 53, of Auburn, died Friday, Aug. 3, 2001, at his home. He had moved to Auburn two months ago after residing in Albion 18 years.

He was employed at Dexter Axle in Albion, and served in the U.S. Marines during the Vietnam War. He was an avid fisherman who made fishing lures for a hobby and was also a string wire artist.

He earned the RVN Cross of Gallantry medal for his valor during the war, and also earned the Sharpshooters Rifle Badge.

He was born Aug. 11, 1947, in Auburn, to Hubert F. and Anna Gertrude (Reinig) Geisinger. On July 18, 1981, in Corunna, he married Linda Hansen. His wife survives.

Also surviving are his mother, of Lapine, Ore.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Marie Geisinger of Auburn and Maxine and Chris Anderson of Ewa Beach, Hawaii; a brother, Lonnie Geisinger of Lapine, Ore.; and four grandchildren, Christopher and Arianna Anderson and Shayla and Ethan Geisinger.

His father; a daughter, Michelle Geisinger; and a brother, Larry Geisinger, preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn. There will be no calling. Memorials are to the family. Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo was in charge of arrangements.

Gladys Gardner

BERNE — Gladys Kathryne Gardner, 90, formerly of Kendallville, died Friday, July 27, 2001, at 10:35 p.m. in Adams County Hospital in Decatur.

Mrs. Gardner moved to Swiss Village at Berne in 2000 from St. Clair Shores, Mich.

She managed the Chicago Motor Club office in Kendallville for 13 years, retiring in 1973. She was a memberFaith United Methodist Church in Kendallville and its Esther Circle, and was a past member of the Business and Professional Women of Kendallville. She also was an original, 25-year member of the Garden Club and a past president.

She was born in Pandora, Ohio, on Sept. 23, 1910, to Carl Benjamin Gerber and Iva L. (Alexander) Gerber.

She married Leonard Harold Gardner in Fort Wayne on June 25, 1938. He died Jan. 23, 1980.

Surviving are one daughter, Joan Gardner of Seattle, Wash.; one sister, Ladonna C. Walker of Helton, Ky.; and one granddaughter, Amy Roche.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Norma Kay "Maggie" Gardner, on June 3, 1989; and two brothers, Kenneth B. Gerber and Eugene H. Gerber.

There will be no services or calling. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville at a later date.

Memorials are to Faith United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are being made by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Melvin 'Kelly' Yates

COLUMBIA CITY — Melvin N. "Kelly" Yates, 91, of Columbia City and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Aug. 4, 2001 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Columbia City.

He had retired from General Electric after 28 years, and was a member of the company's Quarter Century Club. He was a member of the Agape Church of the Brethren, and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was born Oct. 8, 1909 in Allen County to James and Easter (McGuire) Yates. On July 4, 1931, he married Naomi Shambaugh, and she preceded him in death on Nov. 28, 1981. He married Loretta Gandy on Nov. 3, 1984, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Marilyn Omspacher of Garrett; a son, Robert Yates of Fort Wayne; a daughter-in-law, Carol Yates of Merriam; 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Four sons, Melvin, Jr., Glen, Edward and James Yates, two brothers, Ervin and Fred Yates, and three sisters, Elsie Freeman, Wilma Grames and Laverne Hippenhammer, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Keith Simmons officiating. Calling will be 4-7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery in Churubusco. Memorials in lieu of flowers are to the Agape Church of the Brethren, 11610 Lima Rd., Fort Wayne.

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Blanche Cook

BUTLER — Blanche E. Cook, 80, died Friday, Aug. 3, 2001, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

A 1938 graduate of St. Joe High School, she also graduated from Warner Beauty College, Fort Wayne. She retired in in 1978 as an assembly worker for Crane Edmund in Butler.

She attended Broadway Christian Church, Fort Wayne, and was a caretaker for Newville Cemetery. She enjoyed camping, fishing and playing Scrabble.

She was born Sept. 4, 1920, in St. Joe to George and LuReign (Thomas) Strong.

On Jan. 20, 1942, in St. Joe she married Merritt Eugene Newton, who preceded her in death July 13, 1946.

On June 3, 1950, in Angola she married Wendell A. Cook, who survives in Butler.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, William and Carol Winebrenner of Fremont, Gary and Jean Prough of Butler and Cherie Buck of Pleasant Lake; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Thomas and Catherine Cook of Butler, Glen Cook of Butler and Lavoy Cook of Hicksville, Ohio; three sisters, June Brown of Kendallville, Alice Hose of Butler and Coral Steckley of Auburn; three brothers, Lloyd Strong of Fremont, Grant Strong of Wabash and Harry Strong of St. Joe; 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Doris Eleaine Newton, in 1984.

Private family services will be held Monday at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville. Burial will be in Newville Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Doris Bechtold

COLUMBIA CITY — Doris I. Bechtold, 71, died Sunday, Aug. 5, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Wabash County native was a resident of Jefferson Township, Whitley County. She had worked at Peabody Elevator; Raber Elevator; Carico Furniture, Fort Wayne; Lutheran Hospital; and Renaissance Village and Covington Manor nursing homes.

Surviving are her husband, Melvin Bechtold; two sons, Randall Bechtold of LaOtto and Dennis Bechtold of Columbia City; a daughter, Sue Ann Bechtold of Warsaw; two sisters, Dorothy Bowman of Roann and Betty Hilligoss of South Whitley; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial will be at Jefferson Chapel Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Jefferson Chapel United Methodist Church or High Hopes Clown Ministry.

William Schaeffer

HOWE — William Charles Schaeffer, 80, died at 4:10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 6, 2001, at Life Care Center of LaGrange after a long illness.

The lifetime Howe resident attended Howe Military School and was a 1939 graduate of Lima School, Howe. He attended International Business School and Art School in Fort Wayne. He was employed by the State Bank of Lima before entering the U.S. Army in 1942. The World War II veteran served in the Army from 1942-1945, during which time he belonged to the 116th Signal Radio Intelligence Company, working with the teletype, wire and IB sections. He pitched for Wire Champions in 1944 and LB in 1945. He was a sports writer. He was employed by the Howe Post Office for 37 years, retiring in 1979. He was also bank director of the State Bank of Lima for 23 years.

Mr. Schaeffer

He was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church for many years. In 1994 he joined the Roman Catholic Church. He was a member in good standing of St. Joseph Church, LaGrange. An avid Indiana University fan, he liked traveling, watching old movies, basketball and baseball — especially the Chicago Cubs — and time with family and friends, including old Army buddies. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans Commanders Club and the LaGrange County Democrats.

He was born Feb. 17, 1921, in Howe to Clarence and Fanny (Kingsbury) Schaeffer. On Aug. 17, 1948, in Sturgis, Mich., he married Margery C. Burns, who survives in Howe.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Frances and Richard Hostetler of Fort Wayne and Joan and Fenner Ambrose Jr. of Sturgis; two sons and daughters-in-law; Tom C. and Maria Schaeffer of Isle of Palms, S.C., and William B. and Evy Schaeffer of Howe; a niece, Dr. Sue Schaeffer Amidon of Portage; an aunt, Jessie Schaeffer of Sturgis; four grandchildren, Lauren and Brittany Ambrose of Sturgis, and Geoffrey Hostetler and his wife, Pam Hostetler, and Jennifer Arnold and her husband, John Arnold, all of Fort Wayne; four great-grandchildren, Jessica, Tyler and Tanner Hostetler and Kaden Arnold; and three stepgrandchildren, Tricia and Nickolas Huff of Howe and Daniel Perez of South Carolina.

An infant sister preceded him in death.

Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Church with the Rev. Paul Faroh officiating. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery, Howe.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with a rosary said Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Masses, the Parkinson Foundation, or the Life Care Center of LaGrange memorial fund.

Terry Longsworth Sr.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Terry Lee Longsworth Sr., 53, died at 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, 2001, at home. He had been ill with cancer since March 29.

He had lived in the Wolcottville area since 1980. He was foreman for a diesel mechanic shop, Transcom, Fort Wayne, where he had worked for 28 years. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 381, Rome City, and the Kendallville Eagles Lodge.

He was born Aug. 10, 1947, in Lima, Ohio, to Carl James Longsworth Sr., who preceded him in death, and Betty Lee (Grubb) Longsworth, who survives in Lima. On Jan. 22, 1966, in Wolcottville, he married Tarena Baird, who survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Terry Jr. and Jan Longsworth and Todd and Emily Longsworth, all of Kendallville, and Troy and Missy Longsworth of Dwarf, Ky.; a brother, Carl James Longsworth Jr. of Lima; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Carol and Albert Truesdale of Columbus, Ohio, and Marvyl Longsworth of Atlanta, Ga.; and four grandchildren, Tiffany, Christopher, Zachariah and Jenna Longsworth.

Services are 2 p.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, 222 S. State St. Kendallville, with the Rev. James Toole of Faith United Methodist Church, Kendallville, officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Hospice, Auburn.

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Jason Webster

ALBION — Jason Edward Webster, 29, died at 8:50 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, 2001, at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home.

He had lived in the community for eight years. He was disabled with Von Hippel Lindau Disease. He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Albion.

He was born March 7, 1972, in Fort Wayne to Douglas E. and Lindsey Beth (Barcus) Webster. His mother preceded him in death in May 1991. His father survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are a son, Corbin G. Warren of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Lindsey M. Webster of Albion; his paternal grandparents, Frank and Ellen Barcus of Carbon Springs, Fla.; an uncle, John Barcus of Albion; and a stepmother, Sharon Webster of Fort Wayne.

Graveside services are 10 a.m. Monday at Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion, with Pastor Ann Marshall officiating.

Arrangements are by Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

Services Held

ALBION — Services for **Paul Michael Walsdorf Jr.** were Monday, Aug. 6, 2001, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating.

Burial was at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Avilla.

Pallbearers were Frank Kimmell, Andy, Paul, John and Jeff Walsdorf and Scott Millington.

Arrangements were by Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

WAWAKA — Services for **James E. Herendeen** were 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6, 2001, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Tom Herendeen officiating.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Tony Bowman, Jack Garrett, Whitey Leitch, Dennis and Troy Musselman and John Kobiela.

Honorary pallbearers were Morrie Speaker, Gene Leitch, Bob and Tom Huth, Kenny Gandley, Tony Bradin, LaVon Raber and Tom Oliver.

Leland Cass

BROWNSBURG — Leland J. Cass, 78, died July 18, 2001, at home in Brownsburg.

The 1940 Kendallville High School graduate attended Morehead University. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy who served in World War II on a submarine in the Pacific Ocean. He worked for 45 years as a manager for Indiana Bell until retiring in 1982. He was a member of Telephone Pioneers and American Legion Post 451, and was an honorary member of the Barker Junior Historian Society. He was president of the Bench Warmers and had formerly been an airport commissioner and adviser for Junior Achievement.

Surviving are his wife, Doris (Pepple) Cass; a daughter, Kathleen Nichols; a brother, Donald C. Cass; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A son, Timothy Cass, preceded him in death.

Services were July 21 at Washington Park North Mortuary, Indianapolis. Entombment was at Washington Park North Cemetery, Indianapolis.

Memorials are to Great Lakes Christian Academy, Lansing, Mich., or Masses.

Vernon Kemerly

AVILLA — Vernon "Vernie" Kemerly, 75, died at 9:25 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

Donald Galligher Jr.

AUBURN — Donald W. Galligher Jr., 48, died Monday, Aug. 6, 2001, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Galligher was a machinist with Rods of Indiana for three years. He lived in Auburn and was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn. He was a Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

He was born Aug. 9, 1952, in Fort Wayne to Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Galligher Sr. They survive in Auburn.

He married Aurora Sustaita on Dec. 7, 1996, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Donald W. Galligher III of Fort Wayne; two stepchildren, Angel Hamilton of Angola and Elijah Dru of Auburn; five brothers, James L. Galligher of Idaho, David L. Galligher and Danny J. Galligher, both of Auburn, and Jeffrey L. Galligher and Gary W. Galligher, both of Waterloo; one sister, Cyndy Ferlow of Rome City; four nieces and six nephews.

One niece, Jenny Galligher, preceded him in death in November 1985.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling there after 9 a.m.

Additional calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to the family or a charity of the donor's choice.

Christina Duncan

WARSAW — A memorial service for Christina Marie Duncan will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Open Bible Baptist Church on Kuhn Drive in Warsaw. Chrstina Marie was born and died on Aug. 4, 2001, at Goshen General Hospital.

Christina was born to Earl and Vicki Duncan of Ligonier. She is survived by her two brothers, Aaron and Evan Duncan; and three sisters, Tiffany, Elaina and Julia Anna Duncan, all at home.

The phone number for the Open Bible Baptist Church is 834-7473.

Patricia Macy

CHURUBUSCO- Patricia L. Macy, 69, of Churubusco, died Friday, Aug. 3, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She had worked at Dana Corp. in Columbia City for 12 years, and was a member of Big Lake Church of God north of Columbia City since age 14. She was born Oct. 6, 1931, in Wolcottville, to John Claude and Lula Mae (Gevedon) Halsey. She grew up in the Kimmell community, and

graduated from Albion High School in 1949.

On Oct. 11, 1952, she married Charles E. Macy, and lived most of her married life in Churubusco. Her husband survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Tina Macy of Ege; a daughter and son-in-law, Phyllis and James Eckert of Churubusco; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Ralleigh Halsey of Kimmel, Delver and Iona Halsey of Rome City, and Marion and Pearl Halsey of Cromwell; a sister and brother-in-law, Justine and Norbert Gaff of Green Acres, Fla.; five grandchildren, Nathan Macy and companion Denise Stine, of Fort Wayne, Dustin Macy and companion Jessi Vargo, of LaOtto, Molly Macy of Ege, Bradley Eckert of Churubusco and Huong Nguyen of Churubusco.

Two sisters, Stella Halsey and Dora Lawson, and five brothers, Bishop William Fred, Kelly Elbert, Warren and Denny Halsey, preceded her in death.

Services were held on Monday, August 6, 2001 at Big Lake Church of God, with the Rev. J. Phillip Blake and the Rev. Gregory Capsel officiating.

Burial was in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell. Memorials are to the family.

Helen H. Smith

MADEIRA BEACH, FL - Mrs. Helen H. Smith, 77, of Madeira Beach, died in the Palms of Pasadena Hospital on Wednesday, August 1, 2001.

She was born in Hinkle, Georgia. She moved here from Fayetteville, Arkansas in 1995. She was a retired cost accountant for Lyall Electric of Albion, Indiana. She was a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Post 273, in Madeira Beach.

She is survived by a son Gregory Smith of Gainesville, Florida; two daughters, Diana Mitchell of Charleston, West Virginia and Sandra Duffy of Cincinnati, Ohio; a brother William Hixon of Flintstone, Georgia; a sister Fran Stoner of Madeira Beach and seven grandchildren.

Graveside services at Rose Hill Cemetery, Sept. 2 at 1:00 p.m. Rain location for Memorial Service will be Albion American Legion at 1:00 p.m.

James E. Herendeen, 77

WAWAKA-James E. Herendeen, 77, died at 8:50 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2001, at his residence after a lengthy illness.

On May 17, 1924, in Green Township in Noble County, he was born to Homer E. And Bertha Ellen (Diffendafer) Herendeen. He married Joanna M. Wells on July 28, 1945, in Kendallville at the Church of God. She survives.

He was a self-employed auto mechanic and owner-operator of Herendeen's Garage in Brimfield from the 1950s until his retirement in 1985. He served in the U. S. Army in 1942 and was a member of American Legion Post 381 in Rome City.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a son, Larry Herendeen of Brimfield; two daughters and son-in-laws, Barbara and Ervin Huth of Wolcottville, and Sharon and Lonnie Waltenberger of Kendallville; a sister, Neva Musselman of Kendallville; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Two sons, Jimmy and Garry Herendeen; three brothers, Lawrence, Elda and Garry Herendeen; and four sisters, Dorothy Latta, Lenia Leitch, Velda Leitch and Hilda Leitch preceded him in death.

Services were on Monday, Aug. 6, 2001 at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with Rev. Tom Herendeen officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery, Brimfield.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice, 109 E. Central St., Suite 2, LaGrange, IN 46767 or to Children First Center, P. O. Box 166, Auburn IN 46706.

Rev. Hubert E. Miller, 81

COLUMBIA CITY -
Hubert Edward Miller, 81,
Tuesday at home. He was
in Page County, Iowa. He
worked at Clarinda Oil
Berry Seed Co., Lisle C
and had also worked part-
at J. C. Penney Co. He w
pastor serving at Oak Gr
Church of God, Colum
City; First Church of God,
Wayne; and First Church
God, Columbia City. He
served as Indiana Confere
and was president of Indi
Conference for one term.
was also an insurance un
writer at Mutual Security
and American United
Insurance Co.

Surviving are his w
Rosanna; a son, Jan Ala
Columbia City; a grandc
Tamara J. Likes, Albion;
great-granchildren, Taylo
Likes and Torrin J. Like
Albion and three s
grandchildren.

Services were held
Friday, August 3, 2001 at
First Church of God, Colun
City.

Burial was in Oak Gr
Cemetery, rural Columbia
Memorials to the church bu
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Seminary Building Fund,
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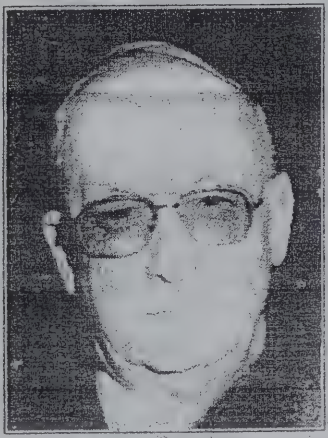
Harold Joseph Statler, 71

Harold Joseph Statler, 71, was found dead in his semi on Highway 20 at Racine, Wis., at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, 2001.

A 1947 graduate of St. Thomas High School, St. Thomas, PA., he was reared in Pennsylvania. At age 35 he moved to Indiana. He lived in the Noble County and Whitley County areas the rest of his life. He was a general farmer and worked for 40 years as a long-haul truck driver for Daily Express, Carlisle, PA. He was a member of Columbia City Eagles Lodge 1906.

He was born Sept. 9, 1929, in Chambersburg, PA., to Harry Nelson and Clara (Myers) Statler. On Dec. 3, 1971, in Front Royal, VA. he married Colleen Phyllis Myers, who survives in Albion.



Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Alan R. and Vickie Statler of Chambersburg, PA., David A. and Jill Hendrickson of Columbia City, Dwight Hendrickson of Kendallville, and Bradley Statler and his special friend, Laura Cook, of Kendallville; five daughters and sons-in-law, Trudy and Dan Gaerte, Deb and Al Gaerte, Denise and Gary Schott and Diane and Paul Mosley, all of Albion, and Susan and Tom Asbury of Brandy, VA.; a sister, Viola M. McLucas of LeMaster, PA.; 31 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren

Services were on Monday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Pastor John Cummings, Community Bible Church, Columbia City, officiating. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Paul Walsdorf Jr.

ALBION-Paul Michael Walsdorf Jr., 61, died at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, 2001, at home in Albion.

The retired pattern maker had lived in Albion 10 years, coming there from Hobart. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla.

He was born Dec. 9, 1939, in Chicago to Paul Michael Walsdorf Sr. and Lucille D. (Flesch) Walsdorf.

On May 7, 1960, in Chicago he married Grace "Betti" Strey, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Paul and Sandra Walsdorf and John and Laurie Walsdorf, all of Hobart, and Jeff and Jennifer Walsdorf of Houston, Texas; a daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia and Scott Millington of Decatur; two sisters, Dorothy Flanagan of Naceheh, Wis., and Ann Sporer of Terre Haute; and five grandchildren, Amanda, Andrew, Jennifer and Meghann Walsdorf and Grant Millington.

A son, Charles Walsdorf, and a brother, Thomas Walsdorf, preceded him in death.

Services were on Monday, August 6, 2001 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Avilla.

Memorials are to the church.

Larry Michael Geisinger, 53

ALBION-Larry Michael Geisinger, 53, of Auburn, died Friday, Aug. 3, 2001, at his home. He moved to Auburn two months ago after residing in Albion 18 years.

He was employed at Dexter Axle in Albion, and served in the U. S. Marines during the Vietnam War. He was an avid fisherman who made fishing lures for a hobby and was also a string wire artist.

He earned the RVN Cross of Gallantry medal for his valor during the war, and also earned the Sharpshooters Rifle Badge.

He was born Aug. 11, 1947, in Auburn, to Hubert F. and Anna Gertrude (Reinig) Geisinger. On July 18, 1981, in Corunna, he married Linda Hansen. His wife survives.

Also surviving are his mother, of Lapine, Ore.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Marie Geisinger of Auburn and Maxine and Chris Anderson of Ewa Beach, Hawaii; a brother, Lonnie Geisinger of Lapine, Ore.; and four grandchildren, Christopher and Arianna Anderson and Shayla and Ethan Geisinger.

His father; a daughter, Michelle Geisinger; and a brother, Larry Geisinger, preceded him in death.

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, August 8, 2001 at Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Jason Edward Webster, 29

ALBION - Jason Edwarc Webster, 29, died at 8:50 p.m. Sunday, August 5, 2001 in Kendallville Manor Nursing Home.

He was born on March 7, 1972 in Fort Wayne to Douglas and Lindsey Beth (Barcus) Webster. He was disabled with Von Hippel Lindau Disease. He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion.

Surviving are one son, Corbin G. Warren of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Lindsey M. Webster of Albion; his father and step-mother Douglas and Sharon Webster of Fort Wayne; his grandparents, Frank and Ellen Barcus of Carbon Springs, FLA; and uncle, John Barcus of Albion. His mother preceded him in death in May, 1991.

Graveside services will be held on Monday, August 13, 2001 at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion with Pastor Ann Marshall officiating. Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS-SUN THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2001

Florence Badger

FORT WAYNE — Florence E. Badger, 89, died at 7:15 a.m. Wednesday, Aug., 8, 2001, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

The graduate of Manchester College had lived in Fort Wayne since 1948. She worked for General Electric, Fort Wayne, for 35 years and volunteered at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, for several years.

She was born June 4, 1912, in Noble County to George and Mabel (Bilger) Badger.

Surviving are four nieces and a nephew.

A brother, Vernon Badger, preceded her in death.

Services are 2:30 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, 530 N. Main St., Avilla, with chaplain Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be at Swan Cemetery, LaOtto.

Calling is 1:30-2:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are donor's choice or to Manchester college.

Margaret Renkenberger

KENDALLVILLE — Margaret Rolene Renkenberger, 79, died at 5 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2001, at her son's home in Avilla.

She managed a gravel business and was a homemaker.

She was born July 8, 1922, in Steuben County to William D. and Margaret (Barrows) Anderson. On Aug. 31, 1940, in Avilla, she married Earl Thomas Renkenberger, who preceded her in death in 1979.

A grandson, Timothy Reed, and a sister, Ethelyn Herendeen, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sue Anne and John Reed of Wolcottville and Jan Lynne and Jerry DeLong of Kendallville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, John Mac and Carol Renkenberger of Avilla and Daniel Thomas Renkenberger of Kendallville; two brothers, Richard Anderson of Angola and Gerald Anderson of South Milford; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Graveside services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

Arrangements are by Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

Vernon Kemerly

AVILLA — Vernon "Vernie" Kemerly, 75, died at 9:25 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

The lifetime Noble County resident was currently a courier for Community State Bank and had retired from Northern Indiana Fuel & Light Co. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II and a member of American Legion Post 240, Avilla, Kendallville Veterans of Foreign Wars post and Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla.

He was born May 31, 1926, in Avilla to Herman and Maude (Brown) Kemerly. On Jan. 17, 1948, in Kendallville, he married Mary Simon, who survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Terry and April Kemerly of Avilla, John and Sherry Kemerly of LaOtto and James Kemerly of Kendallville; a brother, Ralph Kemerly of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Francis Winkler of Fort Wayne and Martha Taggart of Deerfield, Wis.; and six grandchildren, Bradley, Mandy, Matt, Jessie and Natalie Kemerly and Zach Swain.

A daughter, Karyl Anne Swain, preceded him in death Aug. 7, 1983.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, 530 N. Main St., Avilla, with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating. Burial will be at Avilla Cemetery with military graveside services by American Legion Post 240.

Calling is 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday and 10-11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Calvary United Methodist Church building fund.

Roberta Cochran

LIGONIER — Roberta M. Cochran, 82, of Ligonier died at 3:50 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2001 at Kingston of Ligonier. She had been a resident there since July 30 following complications from surgery.

She was born in Ligonier on Oct. 9, 1918, to Fred and Gladya Starr.

On March 11, 1967, she married Herman Cochran, who preceded her in death.

She had been employed at Wirk Garment and Essex Wire in Ligonier. She was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church, and the church's Good Samaritan Circle and the Christ First Sunday School class. She was a member of AARP.

Survivors include nieces and nephews, Lynn and Claudia Ryggs of Wabash, and Todd Cochran of Walkerton.

Her brother, Phillip Starr, preceded her in death.

Services will be Saturday at noon at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with visitation two hours prior to services. The Rev. Brenda Ginder will officiate, and burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home.

~~FORT WAYNE — **Sara Jeanne Plessinger Mills**, 80, died Monday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services are 9:30 a.m. northeast Indiana time Friday at Zechar Bailey Funeral Home, Greenville, Ohio, with calling 5-7 p.m. northeast Indiana time today.~~

THE NEWS-SUN FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 2001

Betty Page

LAGRANGE — Betty M. Page, 79, died at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a secretary for 18 years at Northhighlands Church of Christ, Fort Wayne. She lived most of her life in Fort Wayne, moving to Sun City, Ariz., in 1980 and to LaGrange in 1998. She was a member at Broadway Christian Church, Fort Wayne. For 15 years she volunteered at Boswell Hospital, Sun City.

She was born Dec. 20, 1921, in Fort Wayne to Claude and Helen (Inman) Vredenburg. On Jan. 1, 1942, in Fort Wayne. She married Eldon H. Page, who preceded her in death, March 14, 1996.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Nancy and Daniel Hedges of LaGrange and Carol McClure of Fort Wayne; a son, Thomas L. Page of Colorado Springs, Colo.; six sisters, Margaret Klopfenstein of West Unity, Ohio, Dorothy Grigg, Rita Reed and Marguerite Norris, all of Sun City, Donna Romanowski of Glendale, Ariz., and Patricia Galean of Tucson, Ariz.; a brother, Robert Vredenburg of Grabill; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Broadway Christian Church with the Rev. Robert Yawburg officiating. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to Broadway Christian Church, Fort Wayne, or Lake James Christian Assembly, Angola.

Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Paul Winebrenner

ALBION — Paul M. Winebrenner, 80, died Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2001.

The former Albion resident lived in Bonita Springs, Fla. He was a machinist at several Fort Wayne companies.

Surviving are his wife, Evelyn Winebrenner; two sons, Dale and Gail Winebrenner, both of Albion; three daughters, Lois Mullianax of Robinsville, N.C., Paulette McDonald of Millersburg and Connie Winebrenner of LaGrange; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

There are no services or calling.

Arrangements are by Walter Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Bonita Springs.

THE NEWS-SUN SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2001

Robert Wahlig

ANGOLA — Robert N. Wahlig, 82, of Angola, formerly of Leo, died Thursday, Aug. 9, 2001, at Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

On Oct. 3, 1918, in Miami County, he was born to Charles and Ruth (Flenner) Wahlig. He married Cleo Favorite in Angola on Feb. 14, 1942. She survives.

He was a teacher and principal at Leo Elementary School in Leo before retiring.

Mr. Wahlig was a U.S. Army veteran, a member of the Leo United Methodist Church, Leo, and the Jack Brinker American Legion Post 409 in Leo.

Surviving with his wife are a son, Steve Wahlig of Angola; a daughter, Cindy Givens of Hamilton; and three grandchildren, Brady and Britney Givens and Taylor Wahlig.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and a sister.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Leo United Methodist Church with Pastor Dean Brindel officiating.

Military graveside services will be at Leo Memorial Cemetery, Leo.

Calling is 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church prior to the funeral services.

Memorials are to Leo United Methodist Church, 13527 Leo Road, Leo 46742.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS-SUN SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2001

Paul Post

AUBURN — Paul F. Post, 72, died Friday, Aug. 10, 2001, at 4:55 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Post

Mr. Post served as election director for Mohave County in Kingman, Ariz., from 1985 until his retirement in 1995. He was the DeKalb County Clerk from 1976-1984, and was a former president of the state clerks association.

He was a former member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, serving on its building committee in 1970-1971. He was a member and past president of the Auburn Lions Club and a member and past president of Auburn Little League. He was a former employee of Foley Pattern, Farm Bureau Co-op and the Gamble store, all in Auburn.

He was born July 26, 1929, in Grove Hill, Ohio to Paul E. and Sadie A. (Franklin) Post.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Nicki Post of Auburn; a sister, Denise A. Jordan of Auburn; two brothers, Dennis Post and Dana Post, both of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Addie Morris and Briton Post.

A stepmother, Ruth Post, and a son, Mark Post, preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Clare Jewell will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana, 911 E. 86th St., Suite 100, Indianapolis IN 46240, or Lakewood Park Christian School Athletic Department, 5555 C.R. 29, Auburn IN 46706.

Rosa Reinhart

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Rosa M. Reinhart, 78, died Friday, Aug. 10, 2001, at Hicksville Community Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Reinhart was a homemaker and a member of the Logan United Methodist Church.

She was born April 15, 1923, in Milford Township, Defiance County, Ohio, to David and Emma (Worthington) Bell.

She married James Reinhart on April 12, 1941, in Defiance, Ohio. He survives

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Doris and John Peak of Bryan, Ohio, and Janice Blaker of Butler; two sons, Kenneth of Sherwood, Ohio, and Ronald of Defiance, Ohio; 18 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Willis; eight brothers, Albert, Merton, Delbert, Ward, Clarence, George, Glen and Roscoe; and three sisters, Caroline Bice, Hazel Bell and Esther Husted.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home at Hicksville. Donald Foust will officiate. Burial will be in Six Corners Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is Monday after 1 p.m. and Tuesday after 7 a.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Heart Fund.

Everette Smith

FORT WAYNE — Everette E. Smith, 71, died Saturday at Parkview Memorial Hospital here.

Born in Jackson, Ky., he was a musician, Korean War Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post 157, Churubusco.

Surviving are his wife, Florence; a son, Everette E. Jr., Fort Wayne; three brothers, Louis A. Smith of Brooksville, Fla., J.C. Smith of St. Petersburg, Fla., and John Lucas of Kendallville; four grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Prairie Grove Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Mildred 'Millie' DePew

GARRETT — Mildred "Millie" I. DePew, 75, died Friday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A resident of Garrett for 35 years, Mrs. DePew was born July 10, 1926, in LaOtto to Fred A. and Gertrude (Neible) Smith. Both are deceased. She married Earl DePew on Jan. 21, 1947, in South Milford. He survives.

Mrs. DePew was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett and was a VFW Auxiliary Past District Commander.

Surviving in addition to her husband are a daughter and son-in-law, Coleen and Mick Steward, Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Joseph and Linda DePew of Kendallville and Brian and Betsy DePew of Garrett; a brother, Clarence "Pete" Smith of Lady Lake, Fla.; a sister and sister-in-law, Evelyn and Richard Simanton of Auburn; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Paul Smith, and three sisters, Geraldine Palmer, Orphelia Link and Patricia Kennedy.

Robert Diehl

KENDALLVILLE — Robert W. Diehl, 76, died at 2:15 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 11, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

His wife, Betty, survives.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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The following obituary is being reprinted to provide information omitted due to a reporter's error.

Mildred DePew

GARRETT — Mildred "Millie" I. DePew, 75, died Friday, Aug. 10, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

The 35-year resident of Garrett was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett and a VFW Auxiliary Past District Commander.

Mrs. DePew

She was born July 10, 1926, in LaOtto to Fred A. and Gertrude (Neible) Smith. She married Earl DePew on Jan. 21, 1947, in South Milford. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Coleen and Mick Steward of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Joseph and Linda DePew of Kendallville and Brian and Betsy DePew of Garrett; a brother, Clarence "Pete" Smith of Lady Lake, Fla.; a sister and sister-in-law, Evelyn and Richard Simanton of Auburn; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A brother, Paul Smith, and three sisters, Geraldine Palmer, Orphelia Link and Patricia Kennedy, preceded her in death.

Services are Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with the Rev. Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett High School athletic department or Corunna Community Church.

Robert Diehl

KENDALLVILLE — Robert W. Diehl, 76, died at 2:16 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy in World War II, serving as a cook third class on the U.S.S. Wharton AP7. He was a retired crane operator for Levin & Sons Scrapyards. After retirement he worked part-time at A-1 Production Inc., Kendallville. He was a member of American Legion Post 86, Kendallville; Veterans of Foreign Wars 2749, Kendallville; and Elks Lodge 1194, Kendallville. He was past president of the U.S.S. Wharton Reunion Committee.

Mr. Diehl

He was born Sept. 28, 1924, in Westwood, Calif., to Gus and Zelda (Lockhart) Diehl. On Dec. 24, 1945, in Kendallville, he married Betty L. Leighty, who survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Terry Jones of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Vickie Diehl of Kendallville; a brother, Richard Diehl of Spokane, Wash.; three granddaughters, Jenny Jones of Garrett, Tammy Niccum and her husband, Mike Niccum, of Huntertown, and Jacelyn Hamblin and her husband, Kent Hamblin, of Kendallville; four grandsons, Jason, Joseph, Jeremy and Justin Diehl, all of Kendallville; and four great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Harry Elliott

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — Harry Donald "Don" Elliott, 64, died Saturday, Aug. 11, 2001, at home.

The former Hartford City resident retired from an insurance agency in Florida.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth Ann Elliott; two daughters, Deborah Garrett of Jamestown, Tenn., and Beth A. Lawrence of Auburndale, Fla.; two brothers, Samuel Rex Elliott of Wolcottville and Robert D. Elliott of Hartford City; two sisters, Karen Cox of Hartford City and Dixie King of Alexandria; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services are 2 p.m. Thursday at Keplinger Funeral Home, Hartford City. Burial will be at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Muncie.

Calling is noon-2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Everette Smith

FORT WAYNE — Everette E. Smith, 71, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Jackson, Ky., native was a musician. A veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean War, he was a member of American Legion Post 157, Churubusco.

Surviving are his wife, Florence Smith; a son, Everette E. Smith Jr. of Fort Wayne; three brothers, John Lucas of Kendallville, Louis A. Smith of Brooksville, Fla., and J.C. Smith of St. Petersburg, Fla.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandsons.

Services are 2 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Burial will be at Prairie Grove Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

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Services Held

LIGONIER — Funeral services for **Roberta M. Cochran**, 82, were noon Saturday, Aug. 11, 2001, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Brenda Ginder officiating.

Burial was at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Pallbearers were Larry Baker, Dolph Hursey and Bob Buttgen.

Ethel Hite

SYRACUSE — Ethel B. Hite, 92, died Sunday, Aug. 12, 2001, at Kingston Health Care, Ligonier.

The Kosciusko County native was a homemaker and farmer.

Surviving are two daughters, Deanna Chrisman of LaGrange and Sally Schuckel of Battle Creek, Mich.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Her husband, J. Dean Hite, preceded her in death in 1988.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home Harris Chapel, Syracuse. Burial will be at McClintic Cemetery, Syracuse.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wawasee Lakeside Chapel.

Kenneth Leas

KENDALLVILLE — Kenneth E. Leas, 65, died at 1:10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 13, 2001, at home in Kendallville.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in the Korean War. The member of the Assembly of God Church, Kendallville, was an avid fisherman.

He was born Oct. 24, 1935, in LaGrange County to Earl and Bertha (Forker) Leas. On Aug. 27, 1965, in Angola, he married Martha Jane Collins, who survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Randy Leas of Kendallville and Earl and Stacey Leas of Auburn; four daughters and sons-in-law, Tena and Kerry Ernsberger of Avilla, Lori and Tim Brandon of LaOtto, Penny and Greg Silberg of Auburn and Jane and Mike Burnside of Manton, Mich.; three sisters, Betty Freed of LaGrange, Wanda Roberts of Petal, Miss., and Shirley Lawrence of Coldwater, Mich.; two stepsisters, Vivian Heltzel of Rome City and Isbell Lattea of Youngstown, Ohio, 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Tammy, preceded him in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Assembly of God Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. Zackary Rainey officiating. Burial will be at Brushey Prairie Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, and 10-11 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the church or the American Cancer Society.

Mildred McDaniel

GARRETT — Mildred M. McDaniel, 84, died Monday, Aug. 13, 2001, at 4:53 p.m. in the Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallvillle.

Mrs. McDaniel was a lifetime resident of Garrett. She was employed as the secretary-treasurer for Haffner Corp.

She was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett for more than 75 years. She also was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Business and Professional Women, Home Demonstration Club and Order of Eastern Star.

She was born Nov., 28, 1916, at Garrett to Martin L. and Cletus (Beber) MIller.

She married Dwight D. McDaniel on July 14, 1945, in Auburn. He died Oct. 11, 1993.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Joseph DePew of Kendallville and Debra and Richard Bylsma of Middlebury; a sister, Marcella McKinley of Mesa, Ariz.; two granddaughters, Julie DePew of Charlotte, N.C., and Jeni Deuitch of Garrett; three grandsons, Doug DePew of Hamilton, and Andrew and Michael Bylsma, both of Middlebury; a great-grandson, Lucas Deuitch of Garrett; and a great-granddaughter, Lauren Deuitch of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Martin E. Miller, and a sister, Evelyn Baker.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. Lloyd Mealer will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 10:30-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the mission fund at the Goshen Christian Church or to the Corunna Community Church.

Berniece Graham

GARRETT — Berniece L. Graham, 79, died Sunday, Aug. 12, 2001, at 8:25 p.m. in Carlin Park Nursing Home, Angola.

Mrs. Graham was a homemaker and a lifetime Garrett resident before moving to Angola two years ago. She was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett.

She was born Sept. 5, 1921, in Avilla to Albert and Emma (Wolfe) Diehm.

She married Richard P. Graham Sr. on April 13, 1940, in Bryan, Ohio. He died in 1998.

Mrs. Graham

Surviving her are three sons, Donald Graham of Pleasant Lake, Richard P. Graham Jr. of Waterloo, and Ricky Graham of Angola; one daughter, Sharon Weaver of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Eldon Diehm of Avilla and Freeman Diehm of Kendallville; one sister, Clara Hanes of Kendallville; 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

One brother, Norman Diehm, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Garrett. The Rev. Herbert Schumm will officiate. Burial will be in Avilla Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, and Thursday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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Kenneth Aller

ALBION — Kenneth W. Aller, 75, died at 12:15 a.m. Monday, Aug. 13, 2001, at Aurora Manor Nursing Home, Aurora, Ill.

The retired civil engineer was a current caretaker for the Iwo Jima Memorial in Texas. He was a part-time instructor for the Marine Militia Academy in Texas. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy in World War II and a member of American Legion Post 246, Albion. He was also a member of First Presbyterian Church, San Benito, Texas, and a former member of the Albion Lions Club. He was a former Boy Scout leader.

He was born May 11, 1926, in Mishawaka to Austin C. and Grace E. (White) Aller. His mother survives in Dayton, Ohio.

Also surviving are two sons, Richard Aller of Des Plaines, Ill., and Edward Aller of Las Vegas, Nev.; a daughter and son-in-law, Amanda and Tony Lowe of Aurora; five sisters, Shirley Miller of Englewood, Ohio, Phyllis Orr of Dayton, Ohio, Marilyn Morr and Carol Bender, both of Albion, and Linda Mowrey of Urban, Ohio.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with the Rev. Sean Butler officiating. Burial will be at Milford Cemetery.

Calling is 9-11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First Presbyterian Church.

Mark Gipson

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Mark W. Gipson, 44, died Saturday, Aug. 11, 2001, at home.

He was a former resident of Blue Lake near Churubusco.

Survivors include his wife, Ramona Gipson; a daughter, Sara Gipson of Kendallville; his mother and stepfather, Ellie and Howard Lewellyn of Blue Lake; his father and stepmother, Rolland and Patricia Gipson of Blue Lake; two grandmothers, Erma Buckles and Gladys Gipson, both of Columbia City; a sister and brother-in-law, Diana and Terry Rush of Ossian; a half-brother, Bryan Gipson of Blue Lake; a stepbrother, Paul Evard of Wolf Lake; a niece, Lisa Rush; a nephew, T.J. Rush; a stepdaughter; and a stepson.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Bill Brower

TOPEKA — Bill E. Brower, 79, died Saturday, Aug. 11, 2001, at the Fort Wayne Veterans Administration Medical Center.

The Pierceton native was a carpenter and a veteran of the U.S. Navy in World War II.

Surviving are two daughters, Carman Danner of Leesburg and Vicki Brower of LaGrange; two sons, Chris Brower of Topeka and Kent Brower of Mansfield, Ohio; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

His wife, Evelyn Brower, preceded him in death in 2000.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home Harris Chapel, Syracuse. Burial with military graveside services will be at North Webster Cemetery, Mock Addition.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Beverly Peppler

HOWE — Beverly Jean Peppler, 62, died Sunday, Aug. 12, 2001, at 8 a.m. in her Howe residence.

Mrs. Peppler was a bookkeeper and Release Time Bible teacher in Steuben County.

She was born Nov. 28, 1938, in Croswell, Mich., to the Rev. Willis Lechleidner and M. Louise (Campbell) Lechleidner.

She married Gary Peppler on Aug. 31, 1957, in Fort Wayne, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathleen and Toney Holton of Howe, and Connie and Dale Beckwith, also of Howe; two sons and daughters-in-law, Gordy and Jamie Peppler of Angola, and Steve and Kelly Peppler of Scottsboro, Ala.; her stepfather, the Rev. Carlyle Seiple of Huntington; and eight grandchildren.

One granddaughter, Jessica Holton, preceded her in death in 1992.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe, with the Rev. C.W. McKinley officiating. A second service will be held Wednesday at noon in Mount Pleasant United Brethren Church in Metz. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery at Metz.

Calling is today from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Howe United Methodist Church.

Opal Deter

STURGIS, Mich. — Opal P. Deter, 98, died Monday, Aug. 13, 2001, at Miller's Senior Living Center, LaGrange.

She was a resident of Sturgis, Mich.

Services are 3 p.m. Indiana time Wednesday at Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home, 114 S. Nottawa St., Sturgis. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 1:30-3 p.m. Indiana time Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Howe United Methodist Church Building Fund.

Mark Gipson

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Mark W. Gipson, 44, died Saturday, Aug. 11, 2001, at home.

The 1975 graduate of Churubusco High School spent his formative years at Blue Lake near Churubusco. He was employed at Sea Nymph, Syracuse, for 13 years until moving to Florida five years ago.

He was born June 13, 1957, in Columbia City to Rolland and Ellie (Buckles) Gipson. His mother, now Ellie Lewellyn, survives with his stepfather, Howard Lewellyn, at Blue Lake, and his father survives with his stepmother, Patricia Gipson, at Blue Lake.

Surviving are his wife, Ramona Gipson; a daughter, Sara Gipson of Kendallville; two grandmothers, Erma Buckles and Gladys Gipson, both of Columbia City; a sister and brother-in-law, Diana and Terry Rush of Ossian; a half-brother, Bryan Gipson of Blue Lake; a stepbrother, Paul Evard of Wolf Lake; a niece, Lisa Rush; a nephew, T.J. Rush; a stepdaughter; and a stepson.

Two twin brothers, Larry and Garry Gipson, and a half-brother, Darian Gipson, preceded him in death.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Robert Crouse of Faith Baptist Church. Columbia City, officiating. Interment will be at the Oak Grove (Compton) Cemetery, Columbia City.

Calling is 6-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Alcoholics Anonymous.

Walter Williamson

PENDLETON — Walter L. Williamson, 88, died Monday, Aug. 13, 2001, at Rawlins House, Pendleton.

The Albion native and former Fort Wayne resident owned Williamson Market and Feast House Restaurant, both in Fort Wayne. He was a market butcher and meat salesman for Elkhart Packing and High Grade. He was secretary of the New Haven Retired Golf League.

Surviving are his wife, Ardinell Roy; two daughters, Beckie Mae Steele of Pendleton and Betsie Ann Tennel of Centennial, Colo.; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services are 2 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Burial will be at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling is 1-2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Larry Powers

PLANO, Texas — Larry Powers, 50, died Sunday, Aug. 12, 2001, at Medical Center of Plano, Texas.

The Port Huron, Mich., native formerly lived in Fort Wayne. He was an engineer with GTE for 28 years and had worked at Alcatel USA, Plano.

Surviving are his wife, Karen Powers; a daughter, Echo Westlake of Battle Creek, Mich.; a stepson, Rob Osenbaugh of South Whitley; his mother, Margaret Powers of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Michael Powers of Hudson, John Powers of Kendallville and Greg Powers of Hendersonville, Tenn.; seven sisters, Theresa Arnold of Lakewood, Colo., Elizabeth Powers of Minneapolis, Minn., Ann Powers of Indianapolis and Marie Stephenson and Kathleen, JoAnn and Eva Powers, all of Fort Wayne; his grandmother, Mary Powers of Monroe, Mich.; and three grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road. Burial will be at Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Parkview Radiation Oncology.

Gladys Gardner

KENDALLVILLE — Gladys Gardner died July 27, 2001.

Memorial services are 10 a.m. Friday at Swiss Village Retirement Community, Berne, and 2:30 p.m. Friday at Faith United Methodist Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. James Toole officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the church and the Swiss Village Endowment Fund, 1350 W. Main St., Berne, IN 46711.

Arrangements are by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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William LaCross

LAOTTO — William T. "Bill" LaCross, 69, died Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2001, at 12:22 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. LaCross was an electrician at Mossberg Industries for 20 years, retiring in 1997. He lived in rural LaOtto and was a LaOtto resident for 51 years. He was a member of American Legion Post 82 and the Korean War Veterans Association in Fort Wayne.

He was born Nov. 5, 1931, in Alma, Mich. His mother, Ruby Ober, survives in Kendallville and his father, Teodore J. LaCross, preceded him in death.

He married Kathryn Buckland on April 26, 1978, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Eleen Marks of Garrett; two stepdaughters, Rhonda Isham and Lori Beverly, both of Garrett; a stepson, James Murray of Cleveland, Ohio; one sister, Barbara LaCross of LaOtto; two grandsons, five granddaughters, one great-grandson and three great-granddaughters.

One brother, Robert LaCross, and his stepfather, Ralph Ober, also preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 5 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after 2 p.m. The Rev. John Kinsey will officiate, with military honors at the conclusion of the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Timothy Dinkins

LAGRANGE — Timothy Paul Dinkins, 31, died at 4:30 p.m. Monday at home in rural LaGrange.

The 1989 graduate of Lakeland High School worked for the past seven years at McDonald's Restaurant, LaGrange.

He was born March 14, 1970, in LaGrange to Dorothy Kay Dinkins, who survives as Dorothy Kay Wilkinson with his stepfather, Donald Wilkinson, in LaGrange.

Also surviving are his maternal grandmother and her husband, Barbara and Max McDonald of LaGrange; his maternal grandfather, Jesse Dinkins of Fort Wayne; two stepsisters, Christine Wilcox of Fremont and Lisa Wilkinson of Kalamazoo, Mich., and three stepbrothers, Greg Wilkinson of Shipshewana, Jeffery Wilkinson of Mountain Home, Idaho, and Brian Wilkinson of Mottville, Mich.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at LaGrange Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Eugene Sommers officiating. Burial will be at Lake Bethel Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Memorials are to the church.

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Kenneth W. Aller

ALBION– Kenneth W. Aller, 75, of Texas, died at 12:15 a.m., Monday, August 13, 2001 in the Aurora Manor Nursing Home, Aurora, IL.

He was born May 11, 1926 in Mishawaka, Indiana to Austin C. Aller (deceased) and Grace E. (White) Aller who survives in Dayton, Ohio; two sons, Richard of Des Plaines, Ill., and Joel Edward of Las Vegas; a daughter, Amanda Lowe of Aurora; six grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and five sisters, Shirley Miller of Englewood, Ohio, Phyllis Orr of Dayton, Marilyn Morr and Carol Bender, both of Albion and Linda Mowrey of Urban, Ohio. He was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth W. Jr. Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at the Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion. Calling is two hours before services. Burial will be in Milford Cemetery. Memorial are to the First Presbyterian Church.

Melvin Yates

COLUMBIA CITY -- Melvin N. "Kelly" Yates, 91, of Columbia City, retired from General Electric after 28 years, died Saturday, August 4, 2001, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Columbia City.

The Allen County native, formerly of Fort Wayne, was a member of Agape Church of the Brethren and GE's Quarter Century Club.

Surviving are his wife, Loretta; a daughter, Marilyn Omspacher of Garrett; a son, Robert of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Naomi; sons, Melvin Jr., Glen, Edward and James; two brothers and three sisters.

Services were Tuesday at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Burial was at Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

Memorials are to Agape Church of the Brethren, 11610 Lima Road, Fort Wayne.

Betty J. McNair

KOKOMO, IN – Betty J. McNair, 88, of Kokomo died at her residence on Thursday, August 9, 2001.

She was born on December 5, 1912 in Delaware Co., Indiana to Peter W. and Satyre (Ervin) Dunn. On December 23, 1939, she married Roger McNair who preceded her in death in January, 2000.

She was a graduate of Eaton High School, then received her Masters Degree from Ball State Teachers College. She was employed as a teacher at Marion Jr. High School from 1961-1971. Then she retired to North Webster from 1971-1999. From 1999 to the present time, she resided in Kokomo.

She was a former member of the North Webster United Methodist Church, a member of the Ball State Alumni Association, Noble County and Indiana Retired Teachers Association and the Grace United Methodist Church of Kokomo.

She is survived by two daughters, Ann (Joseph) Winger of Kokomo, Jane McNair of Houston, TX; two granddaughters, Megan (James) McConnell and Whitney Winger both of Kokomo.

Services were held Tuesday, August 14, 2001 at Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, 3400 S. Webster with Dr. Gary Forbes officiating. Burial was at the Estates of Serenity Cemetery in Marion Indiana.

Memorials are to the North Webster United Methodist Church c/o Building Fund, P.O. Box 282, North Webster, IN 46555-0282

Paul M. Winebrenner, 80

ALBION - Paul M. Winebrenner, 80, of Bonita Springs, Fla., formerly of Albion, died Wednesday at Gulf Coast Hospital in Ft. Myers, FL. He was a machinist for several Fort Wayne companies.

He was born March 12, 1921 to Jay and Waunita Winebrenner who preceded him in death. His brother Carl Winebrenner is deceased, also.

Surviving are his wife, Evelyn; two sons, Dale and Gail, both of Albion; three daughters, Lois Mullianax of Robinsville, N. C., Paulette McDonald of Millersburg and Connie Winebrenner of LaGrange; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

There will be no services or calling. Arrangements by Walter Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Bonita Springs, Fla. Graveside services are pending.

Businessman Wayne Wible, 61, dies

KENDALLVILLE — Wayne A. Wible, 61, died at 10:42 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2001, at home.

He owned Wible Lumber Inc., South Milford.

Arrangements are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Helen Trowl

LAGRANGE — Helen Leona Trowl, 93, died at 8:40 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2001, at Life Care Center, LaGrange, after a two-year illness. She had been at the center nine months.

The homemaker had lived in the Wolcottville area since 1955, coming from Arkansas.

She was born April 9, 1908, in Effingham, Ill., to Grant and Elsie (Brown) Hill. On May 3, 1926, in Marshall, she married Varon E. "Jack" Trowl, who preceded her in death Feb. 17, 1990.

Surviving are three sisters, Thelma Hill of Hobart, Mary Kozicki of Tampa, Fla., and Donna Frost of Mattoon, Ill.; and a brother, Albert Hill of Mattoon.

Services are 4 p.m. today at Hutchins Funeral Home, S.R. 9, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Vicki Hayes officiating. Burial will be at Salem Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is 3-4 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Freedonna Smith

HUNTERTOWN — Freedonna M. Smith, 102, of Huntertown died at 6:05 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2001, at Kingston Care Center, Fort Wayne.

Among survivors are a son and daughter-in-law, Lewis F. and Betty Smith of Huntertown, and a daughter and son-in-law, Mardell and James Messmann of Huntertown.

Her husband, Almon F. Smith, preceded her in death May 4, 1984.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

This obituary is being republished with additional information.

William LaCross

LAOTTO — William T. "Bill" LaCross, 69, died Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2001, at 12:22 a.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. LaCross was an electrician at Mossberg Industries for 20 years, retiring in 1997. He lived in rural LaOtto and was a LaOtto resident for 51 years.

He was a Korean Conflict veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving aboard the USS Yarnall. He was a member of American Legion Post 82 and the Korean War Veterans Association in Fort Wayne.

He was born Nov. 5, 1931, in Alma, Mich. His mother, Ruby Ober, survives in Kendallville and his father, Teodore J. LaCross, preceded him in death.

He married Kathryn Buckland on May 26, 1978, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Eleen Marks of Garrett; two stepdaughters, Rhonda Isham and Lori Beverly, both of Garrett; a stepson, James Murray of Cleveland, Ohio; one sister, Barbara LaCross of LaOtto; two grandsons, five granddaughters, one great-grandson and three great-granddaughters.

One brother, Robert LaCross, and his stepfather, Ralph Ober, also preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 5 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after 2 p.m. The Rev. John Kinsey will officiate, with military honors at the conclusion of the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Maynard Holden

HUDSON — Maynard Holden, 93, died today at 7:25 a.m. at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

The following obituary is being reprinted to provide additional information not originally given to The News-Sun.

Opal Deter

STURGIS, Mich. — Opal P. Deter, 98, died Monday, Aug. 13, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

She lived in LaGrange County and Sturgis her whole life. For 20 years she wintered in Texas. She had been employed by Kirsch Co. in Sturgis for 17 years and was a homemaker. She attended Sturgis Church of Christ. She was an avid reader who enjoyed playing cards, fishing, crocheting and knitting.

She was born May 12, 1903, in LaGrange County to William and Clara (Myers) Chrystler. On Aug. 15, 1925, in Sturgis, she married Russell R. Deter, who preceded her in death Sept. 1, 1985.

A sister, Mable Weirich, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Beatrice Deter of Kentwood, Mich., and Jack and Mary Deter of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Orpha Deter of Goshen; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were Wednesday at Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home, Sturgis, with the Rev. Dewey Miller of Howe United Methodist Church, Howe, officiating. Burial was at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Memorials are to the Howe United Methodist church building fund.

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Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Robert W. Diehl** were 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2001, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jason, Joseph, Jeremy and Justin Diehl, Mike Niccum, Kent Hamblin and Dalton Jones.

Honorary pallbearers were Jenny Jones, Tammy, Lucy and Logan Niccum, Sidney and Jacelyn Hamblin, Max and Kim Taylor, Crystal DeBuque, Nicole Kauffman, Charlotte Showalter and Kris Ebert.

Raymond O'Neil

COLUMBIA CITY — Raymond C. O'Neil, 78, of Columbia City died Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2001, at Kingston Care Center, Fort Wayne.

The Meigs County, Ohio, native retired from International Telephone & Telegraph Co. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy in World War II.

Surviving are three sons, Michael O'Neil of Claypool, Patrick O'Neil of Fort Wayne and Daniel O'Neil of Winona Lake; two daughters, Rita Mugg of Monroe and Ruth Elaine O'Neil Lester of Corona, Calif.; a sister, Louise Munday of Riverside, Ohio; and seven grandchildren.

His wife, Lois A. O'Neil, preceded him in death in 2000.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Christian Chapel Church, Merriam. Burial will be at the church cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Gideons International and donor's choice.

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Wayne Wible

KENDALLVILLE — Wayne A. Wible, 61, died at 10:42 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2001, at home after a two-year battle with cancer.

A lifetime Kendallville area resident, he was the president of Wible Lumber Inc., South Milford. The 1958 graduate of Kendallville High School was a 1959 graduate of the National Hardwood Inspection School in Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Wible

He was a member of the Kendallville Elks Lodge, the Mizpah Shrine and its horse patrol, the Indiana Hardwood Lumberman's Association, the National Hardwood Lumberman's Association, the Summit City Masonic Lodge 170, Fort Wayne — Scottish Rite, Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville and the Lahaina Yacht Club, Maui, Hawaii.

He was born July 12, 1940, in Kendallville to Dale L. and Margaret J. (Wagner) Wible. On Sept. 22, 1961, in Kendallville he married Martha "Marty" Gunsaullus, who survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeffrey W. and Jennifer Wible of Wolcottville and David P. and Lori Wible of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Cathy C. and Dennis Nowels of Kendallville and Amanda J. and Brent Fitch of Birmingham, Mich.; a brother, Roger D. Wible of Lewiston, N.Y.; and 10 grandchildren, Nathan D., Nolan J., Korynn M. and Kamryn D. Wible, Amanda J., Cassandra A. and Alexandria N. Nowels and Natalie J., Margaret A. and Genevieve E. Fitch.

A sister, Phyllis Basta, preceded him in death in 1975.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker of Trinity Church United Methodist officiating.

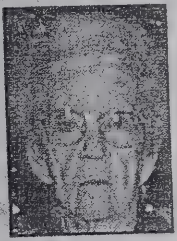
Calling is 2-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home, with Summit City Masonic Lodge 170 services at 4 p.m. and Elks Lodge services at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to United Way of Noble County or United Way of LaGrange County.

Freedonna Smith

HUNTERTOWN — Freedonna M. Smith, 102, died at 6:05 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2001, at Kingston Care Center, Fort Wayne.

The lifetime resident of the Huntertown community was its oldest living resident.


Mrs. Smith

A homemaker most of her life, as a young woman she worked at the Interurban ticket office in Huntertown. She later worked at Perfection Bakery and Frank's Department Store, both in Fort Wayne. She was a member of Huntertown United Methodist Church, Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136 and the Home Progress Club. She enjoyed fishing and playing cards.

She was born March 30, 1899, in Huntertown to Elmer H. and Zella I. (Hunter) Dunten. On April 19, 1924, in Huntertown she married Almon F. Smith, who preceded her in death May 4, 1984.

Also preceding her in death were three brothers, Donald, Elmer and Jean Dunten; three sisters, Bertha Sloffer, Bernice Dunten and Glen Schrock; and two great-grandchildren, Tammy Smith and James Martin Messmann.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Lewis F. and Betty Smith of Huntertown; a daughter and son-in-law, Mardell and James Messmann of Huntertown; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Huntertown United Methodist Church, 16021 Lima Road, with the Rev. Shem Long officiating. Interment will be at Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is 5-8 p.m. Saturday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and 1-2 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to the church or the Huntertown Volunteer Fire Department.

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Maynard Holden

HUDSON — Maynard Holden, 93, died Thursday, Aug. 16, 2001, at 7:25 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Holden was a lifetime farmer and lived in rural Hudson for more than 60 years. He was a graduate of Pleasant Lake High School. He was a member of Salem Center Presbyterian Church, Farm Bureau and Alpha Farmers Club, all in Steuben County.

Mr. Holden

He was born Aug. 21, 1907, in Orange Township, Noble County, to Doyle and Flora (Grossman) Holden.

He married Florence Amerman on Dec. 6, 1924, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Darlene Holden of Hamilton, Keith and Lila Holden of Angola, and Carol and Ruth Holden of Corunna; one daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Robert Heller of LaGrange; one sister, Eva Emerson of LaGrange; 14 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

A brother preceded him in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Salem Center Presbyterian Church with calling after 1 p.m. The Rev. Howard Compton will officiate. Burial will be in Block Cemetery, in rural Hudson.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Memorials are to the church.

Earl Ginder

BUTLER — Earl V. Ginder, 89, died Thursday, Aug. 16, 2001.

He worked as a machinist at different places throughout his life, but most recently worked at the Towne Hardware in Butler.

Mr. Ginder was born April 14, 1912, in Butler to Frank and Goldie (Harter) Ginder.

He married Glendolene B. Spires on June 27, 1931, in Defiance, Ohio, and she died Aug. 5, 1997.

Surviving him are three sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Brenda Ginder of Cromwell, Philip and Carol Ginder of Huntertown, and Dennis and Pam Ginder of Leo-Cedarville; two daughters and one son-in-law, Marilyn Yoder of Fort Wayne, and Carol and Howard Krontz of Kendallville; one brother, Robert Ginder of Butler; two sisters, Lois Fry of Alamo, Texas, and Mayola Walter of Butler; a good friend, Ruth Spencer; 22 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Tony Brooks and the Rev. Duane Ginder officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, rural Butler.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, Butler.

Christine Lechleidner

ST. JOE — Christine Lechleidner, 40, died Thursday, Aug. 16, 2001, at 10:44 a.m. in a car accident in Butler.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services were held Thursday at 11 a.m. for **Kenneth E. Leas** at Hite Funeral Home, with the Rev. Zack Rainey officiating. Burial was in Brushy Prairie Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Matthew Brandon, Andrew Brandon, Kevin Ernsberger, Tyler Ernsberger, Paul Forker and Edward Hindenlang.

Honorary pallbearers were Kenneth Haley and Russell Lawrence.

Bill Slone Jr.

LIGONIER — Bill Slone Jr., 54, died Friday, Aug. 17, 2001, at 8:40 a.m. at his Ligonier home after an illness of 22 months.

He worked for Millennium Industries and its predecessors for the past 17 years as a maintenance engineer. He lived in Ligonier since 1964 and was a 1961 graduate of Knott County High School in Hindman, Ky. He was an avid University of Kentucky basketball fan and enjoyed participation in the Kimmell Horseshoe League.

Mr. Slone was born Nov. 2, 1946, in Raven, Ky., to Bill and Bloomie (Jacobs) Slone. His mother survives in Raven and his father is deceased.

Also surviving are one son, Michael R. Slone of Ligonier; one daughter, Barbara J. Biggerstaff of Cromwell; a brother, Ted Slone of Raven; five sisters, Gladys Slone of Raven, Margaret Setser of Warsaw, Barbara Henley of Virginia, Thelma Jean Slone of Ohio, and Wanda Peffer of Ligonier; two grandchildren, Derek and Kevin Biggerstaff; and his former wife, good friend and caregiver, Sherry Bair.

Three brothers, Robert Brewer, Clifford Jacobs and Angus Slone, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Trinity Assembly of God Church in Ligonier, with the Rev. Bill Parks officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Parkview Hospital Hospice, 109 E. Central Ave., Suite 2, LaGrange IN 46761.

Thelma Leas

ASHLEY — Thelma Leas, 83, died Friday Aug. 17, 2001, at 7:30 p.m. at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Donnabelle Mason

FORT WAYNE — Donnabelle Mason, 79, died Friday, Aug. 17, 2001, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

She lived in Fort Wayne for 60 years. She was a processor with McJon Photo for 10 years and also a cafeteria aide at Fort Wayne Community Schools for 10 years. She was a volunteer at Parkview Hospital.

Mrs. Mason was born July 22, 1922, in Brimfield.

She married Rollin "Bud" Mason on Aug. 19, 1951, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Joyce A. Roush of Fort Wayne; one son, James E. Mason of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Cathy L. Martin of Orlando, Fla.; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A son, Robert Clouse, preceded her in death in 1968.

Services will be held Sunday at 8 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne, with calling after 6 p.m. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Hospice Home's "Seasons of Life Garden."

Thelma Leas

ASHLEY — Thelma B. Leas, 83, of rural Ashley died at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17, 2001, at Laurels of Butler in Butler.

Mrs. Leas was a homemaker and Bible scholar. She had worked at the Ashley canning factory, Green Parrot restaurant in Waterloo, White's Supermarket in Auburn and was a pie chef at Lincoln Life in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Leas

She was born Nov. 25, 1917, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, to Orville and Elizabeth (Conrad) Westbrook. Her husband, Eugene Leas, died in 1986.

Mrs. Leas was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ in Ashley, the St. John's Ladies Guild, the Jolly James, the Symposium Club, Fairfield Friendship Club and the Fairfield Home Extension Club.

Surviving are three sons, Norman Leas of Fort Wayne, David Leas of Greensburg, and Mark Leas of Dothan, Ala.; four daughters, Carole Wilhelm of Waterloo, Linda Snider of Hicksville, Ohio, Sandra Shuman of Ashley and Kathy Hamm of Alexandria; 17 grandchildren, Kim and Terry Nusbaum, Kris and Roxanne Myers, Kirk Myers, Tim and Jackie Snider, Rachel Wenman, Matt and Jennifer Snider, Elizabeth and Paul Evans, Amy and Mike Douglas, Michelle and Henry Olguin, Greg Shuman, Brian Shuman, Jeremy Shuman, Mary and Dan Whetstine, Tony Carunchia, Warren Leas, Mollye Leas and Stephanie Leas; three stepgrandchildren, Herschel and Sue Wilhelm, Tom and Teresa Wilhelm and Jeff and Tracy Wilhem; 14 great-grandchildren and eight stepgreat-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, Glenn Westbrook; two grandchildren, Jeff Shuman and Lana Leas; two stepsisters and a stepbrother.

Services will be at 11 a.m. at St. John's United Church of Christ with the Rev. John Kabes officiating.

Calling is 3-8 p.m. today at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, and one hour before services at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Gail Olds

LAGRANGE — Gail E. Olds, 95, of LaGrange died at 1:25 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Olds was a teacher and a homemaker. She moved to LaGrange in 1927 from North Manchester. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in LaGrange and the WSCS of the church, Martha Circle and the WCTU of the church, the War Mothers Club, the Bayview Club, and the Bloomfield Township Homemakers Club.

She was born Jan. 30, 1906, in Banquo to Ben and Sallie (Skinner) Stephens. On Nov. 26, 1931, she married Frank B. Olds in Banquo. He died on Sept. 25, 1956.

Surviving are two sons and daughtes-in-law, James and Rochelle Olds of LaGrange and Richard and Nancy Olds of Portage, Mich.; a sister, Pauline Hedrick of Huntington; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Two sisters and a brother preceded her in death.

Services are at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Dexter Garman officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials to First United Methodist Church.

Gladys Sidel

FREMONT — Gladys C. Sidel, 93, of Fremont died Friday, Aug. 17, 2001, at Courtland Health & Rehab Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Sidel was a homemaker. She was a member of Fremont United Methodist Church where she served as treasurer and was active in many church groups.

She was born March 14, 1908, in LaOtto to Sherman and Minnie (Harrold) Hoot. On July 9, 1931, she married Wayne B. Sidel, in Fremont. He died on Oct. 21, 1975.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sheila and David Schimmele of Angola; a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Alan and Jerri Sidel of Fort Wayne; a brother, Donald "Bud" Hoot of Montgomery, Mich.; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Jeffrey Schimmele; a brother; and two sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling is from 5-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Terry Dauberman

KENDALLVILLE — Terry B. Dauberman, 54, of Kendallville died Saturday, Aug. 18, 2001, at the home of his sister at Cree Lake.

Arrangements are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Edyth Courtright

HUDSON — Edyth E. Courtright, 91, of Hudson died Friday, Aug. 17, 2001, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a former J.C. Penney's sales associate having retired in 1973.

Mrs. Courtright was a member of the Salem Center Presbyterian Church where she retired as the choir director after 42 years, the Ladies Aide of the church, Salem Study Club, Lamplighters Homemakers Club, Birthday Club and the Elite Club.

She was born June 18, 1910, in Flint in Steuben County to Perry and Edna Pearle (Miller) Waite. On Jan. 31, 1931, she married Dick Courtright. He died on March 7, 1984.

Surviving are a son, Richard Lee Courtright of Hudson; a daughter, Donna Lou Allen of Pleasant Lake; a brother, Vernon J. Waite of Angola; seven grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Lorin Waite, and a sister, Birdella Pearl Brown.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Howard Compton officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Salem Center Presbyterian Church.

Christine Lechleidner

ST. JOE — Christine Lechleidner, 40, of St. Joe, died at 10:44 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, 2001, in a traffic accident south of Butler.

Mrs. Lechleidner was a homemaker.

She was born Nov. 19, 1960, in Paulding, Ohio. Her father, Francis Coughlin, survives in Antwerp, Ohio and her mother, Bonnie Mettert, also survives in Antwerp. On Aug. 29, 1992, she married Kirk Lechleidner in Butler. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Dereck and Matthew Lechleidner, both at home, and Michael Lucas of Defiance, Ohio; four sisters, Deborah Corwin of Woodburn, Linda Coughlin of Auburn, Judy McCalla of Dallas, Texas, and Amy Wilhelm; her mother-in-law, Sandy Lechleidner; and two sisters-in-law, Angie Lechleidner of Decatur and Melisa Warner of Butler.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents and her father-in-law, Shurl Lechleidner.

Services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Coburn Corners Church of Christ with Pastor Dennis Leinbach officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-8 p.m. Monday at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler.

Memorials are to the Lechleinder Memorial Fund in care of Tec Hackett, Inc., P.O. Box 8830, Fort Wayne, IN 46898 8830.

Nelson Snell

ST. GEORGE, Utah — Nelson R. Snell, 82, died Saturday, Aug. 18, 2001, at his home, 1331 N. Dixie Downs Road, No. 27, St. George, UT 84770.

Mr. Snell was born Feb. 14, 1919, in Avilla, Ind., to Virgil and Anna Snell. He married his childhood sweetheart, Geraldine "Toots" Keck, May 1, 1941.

Mr. Snell

He was a co-owner of the Avilla Feed Mills Inc. for 20 years. Moving to Mesa, Ariz., in the early 1960s, he worked for the Mesa school systems as grounds foreman until his retirement. He and his wife later moved to St. George to be near their daughter and her family.

Mr. Snell was a member of the Lutheran Church.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Geraldine; two daughters; Connie Mosier of Leo, Ind., and Juanita DeHeck of St. George, Utah; a son, Keith Snell of Fort Wayne, Ind., seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and one sister, Daisy Kuglar of Garrett, Ind.

Visitation is today, from 6:30-8 p.m. at Metcalf Mortuary, 300 W. St. George Blvd. Graveside funeral services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at the Tonaquint Cemetery, under the direction of Metcalf Mortuary.

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Wayne Case Jr.

ST. JOE — Wayne Corwin Case Jr., 49, of St. Joe died Friday, Aug. 17, 2001, in Angola.

He was a heavy equipment maintenance worker for the city of Toledo, Ohio. He was an Army veteran and received the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal W/60 Device, Vietnam Counteroffensive.

Mr. Case was born June 8, 1952, in Toledo to Loraine (Wienand) and Wayne Corwin Sr. His mother survives in St. Joe. On Dec. 9, 1991, he married Virginia Wheeler. She survives in St. Joe.

Also surviving are two sons, Michael Doss of Toledo and Stephan Case of St. Joe; three daughters, Rendra Case of South Milford, and Andrea McClannahan and Melissa, both of Oak Harbor, Ohio; two brothers, David Case of St. Joe and Michael Case of Oak Harbor; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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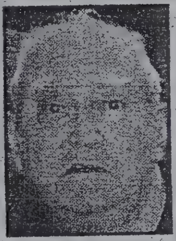
George McIntyre

STROH — George D. McIntyre, 75, died at 4:40 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, 2001, at Select Specialty Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The former Fort Wayne resident was retired from Industrial Engineering, Fort Wayne. He was in the National Guard and a member of Independent Full Gospel Church, Ashley.



Mr. McIntyre

He was born April 5, 1926, in Rusk, Texas, to George W. and Lillie May (Russell) McIntyre. On Sept. 3, 1982, in Fort Wayne, he married Jacqueline "Jackie" Rich, who survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Roger D. McIntyre of Texas, Thomas V. McIntyre of Jacksonville, Texas, Eric McIntyre at home, and Rodney A. Daler of Garrett; seven daughters, Georgia D. Summorow of Houston, Texas, Sharon E. Adams of Frankston, Texas, Brenda Henderson of Jacksonville, Jacqueline S. McIntyre at home, Virgina S. Daler and Sonya L. Combs, both of Angola, and Robin R. Navarez of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, Louis E. Duck Jr. of LaGrange and Gary E. Duck of Pell City, Ala.; two brothers, G.W. McIntyre of Houston and Dennis Ray McIntyre of Rusk; a sister, June E. Rudean of Houston; several grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Services are 1 p.m. Thursday at Independent Full Gospel Church, Ashley, with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will be at Wright Cemetery, rural Hudson.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Memorials are to the family.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for Wayne A. Wible were 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, 2001, at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating.

Honorary attendants were Terry and Donna Bryan, Robert Bryan, Scott Butler, Bill Ebinger, Diane Murray, Robert Gunsaullus, Scott Gunsaullus, Boyd Wible, Hugh and Cathy Eshelman, Rex and Sherry Vaughn, Ronald and Pat Vaughn, Art Charles, Duane Smith, Owen Drerup and Carol Charles.

Masonic services were held Saturday at 4 p.m. by the Kendallville Masonic Lodge. Elks Lodge services were held Saturday at 6 p.m. Both services were held at the funeral home.

Galen Wisler

WOLCOTTVILLE — Galen D. Wisler, 67, died Monday, August 20, 2001, at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Fort Wayne.

The rural Wolcottville resident retired from Goshen Rubber Co., where he worked from 1952-2000. He lived most of his life in LaGrange County. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in the Korean War.

He was born May 13, 1934, in Goshen to John and Goldie (Herr) Wisler. On Dec. 2, 1962, in LaGrange, he married Joanne L. Thiss, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Lisa A. Wisler of Fort Wayne; a son, Lee A. Wisler of Wolcottville; two sisters, Arlene Pierson of Lansing, Mich., and Karen Wisler of Indianapolis; and two brothers, Wesley Wisler of Shipshewana and Ted Wisler of Indianapolis.

Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating. Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Wildred Witmer

FORT WAYNE — Wildred "Willie" Witmer, 89, died Sunday, Aug. 19, 2001, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

The LaGrange County native was a self-employed caterer who retired in 1986.

Surviving are two daughters, Elizabeth Witmer and Jane Lundy, both of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Elizabeth Blalock of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Ruth Flagg of Elkhart; and a granddaughter.

Her husband, Harley J. Witmer, preceded her in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shriner's Children's Hospital.

Eileen Helmkamp

AVILLA — Eileen Patricia "Pat" Helmkamp, 70, died at 3:20 a.m. today, Aug. 21, 2001, at home in Avilla.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

Scott Thomas

CHURUBUSCO — Scott D. Thomas, 42, died Monday, Aug. 20, 2001, in Steuben County near Fremont.

He was a native of the Churubusco area.

Among survivors are three daughters, Jennifer and Amanda Thomas, both of Fremont, and Chelse Thomas of Columbia City; a son, Brandon Thomas of Columbia City; his mother, Cora Thomas of Coldwater, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Lisa and Michael Smith of Coldwater; and his maternal grandmother Maryetta Patton of Churubusco.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Terry Dauberman

KENDALLVILLE — Terry Bruce Dauberman, 54, died at 12:32 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, 2001, at his sister's home in Kendallville, where he was living. He had been ill a year.

The Stroh area resident had lived in Kendallville for nine months. He was a former machine operator at Taylor Made, Kendallville. A veteran of the U.S. Army in the Vietnam War, he received the Bronze Star.

He was born Aug. 17, 1947, in Kendallville to Willard E. and Blanche L. (Pant) Dauberman. He was a Prairie Heights High School graduate.

Surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Cindy and Floyd Marquart and Alice and Richard Delcamp, all of Kendallville; two nephews, Stephan Mast of Hudson and Matthew Delcamp of Kendallville; a great-niece; and a great-nephew.

Services are 6 p.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville, officiating.

Calling is 4-6 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Eileen Helmkamp

AVILLA — Eileen Patricia "Pat" Helmkamp, 70, died at 3:20 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2001, at home in Avilla.

The lifetime Avilla community resident was a homemaker and had worked at St. James Restaurant, Avilla. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, and its Rosary Society.

Mrs. Helmkamp

She was born April 14, 1931, in Avilla to Charles J. and Mary (Demske) Helmer. On July 10, 1954, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, she married Richard Helmkamp, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Chris and Cecil Likens of Auburn; three sons and daughters-in-law, Ben and Brenda Helmkamp of Huntertown, Kevin and Sheryl Helmkamp of Oregon, Wis., and Jeff and Beth Helmkamp of Point St. Lucie, Fla.; three sisters, LaRona Slater and Joan Campbell of Fort Wayne and Rita Pera of Glenville, N.Y.; two brothers, Phil Helmer of Avilla and James Helmer of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren, Kristi, Andrew, Justin, Jordan, Conner and Kelsey Helmkamp, Caleb, Ashley, Brock and Todd Likens and Tina Arend; and two great-grandchildren; Audrey and Chaney Arend.

Two brothers, Dale and Virgil Helmer, and a sister, Geraldine Meyer, preceded her in death.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, 530 N. Main St., Avilla, and 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church Friday. Rosary services are 6 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the St. Mary's School endowment fund, the St. Mary's Cemetery Chapel fund or Masses.

Rev. James Mapes Sr., 63, dies

KENDALLVILLE — The Rev. James A. Mapes Sr., 63, died at 9:40 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2001, at home. He had been ill since October.

The 1956 graduate of Kendallville High School held bachelor's and master's degrees in theology from International Bible Institute and Seminary, Orlando, Fla. He was an ordained minister in the Church of the Nazarene, serving as pastor in Milford; Wolcottville; Huntington; Falmouth, Mich.; Mancelona, Mich.; White Springs, Fla.; and Sikeston, Mo. He retired from the Samara Center Psychiatric Unit at McCray Memorial Hospital after 12 years.

He was born March 15, 1938, in Kendallville to Indiana poet laureate Arthur Franklin Mapes and Ruth (Acker) Mapes. On Aug. 26, 1956, at Center Chapel Evangelical United Brethren Church, he married Carolyn Joan Sleeper, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, April and Jackie Johnson and Pamela and Craig Bottjer, all of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, James Mapes Jr. and Rebecca Mapes of Kendallville; seven grandchildren, Justin and Emily Johnson, Nathan, Erin and Elizabeth Bottjer and Mary and James Franklin Mapes, all of Kendallville; and a great-granddaughter, Ashley Nicole Bottjer of Kendallville.

Rev. Mapes

Additional survivors are four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Marilyn and Dr. Charles Barrett of Owensville, Darlene and Jerry Frye of Kendallville, Jean Frye of LaGrange and Marlene Mason of Garrett; five brothers and sisters-in-law, Dean and Diane Mapes of Fremont, Michael and Diane Mapes of Auburn, Donald and Martha Mapes and Howard and Cheryl Mapes, all of Kendallville, and Richard and Celine Mapes of Oceanside, Calif.; and his father-in-law, Fred Sleeper of Kendallville.

Two granddaughters, Hannah Marie Johnson and Heidi Elizabeth Bottjer, preceded him in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Kendallville Church of the Nazarene.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, and 10-11 a.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Nazarene World Missions or Parkview Home Health and Hospice, 109 E. Central Ave., LaGrange, IN 46761.

Larry Morrow Jr.

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Larry Paul Morrow Jr., 29, died Friday, Aug. 17, 2001.

He lived in Glendale, Ariz.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Crystal Rose Funeral Home, 9155 W. Van Buren, Tolleson, Ariz.

Calling is 9-11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

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Scott Thomas

CHURUBUSCO — Scott D. Thomas, 42, died Monday, Aug. 20, 2001, in Steuben County near Fremont.

Mr. Thomas

He spent his formative years in Churubusco, graduating from Churubusco High School in 1977. As a teen he worked at Mork's Service and was later employed at Simplex Industries, Constantine, Mich. He worked at Bob's Paint Shop in Churubusco for a time, later owning and operating his own paint shop at Big Lake for several years. For the past 15 years he had been employed at Dexter Axle, working in Fremont and North Manchester. He was currently superintendent of Dexter Axle's Albion plant. He was an avid fisherman and deer hunter who enjoyed motocross, motorcycle riding and waterskiing.

He was born Dec. 17, 1958, in Elkhart to Robert and Cora (Geese) Thomas. His father preceded him in death in 1994. His mother survives in Coldwater, Mich.

Also surviving are three daughters, Jennifer and Amanda Thomas, both of Fremont, and Chelsea Thomas of Columbia City; a son, Brandon Thomas of Columbia City; a sister and brother-in-law, Lisa and Michael Smith of Coldwater; and his maternal grandmother, Maryetta Patton of Churubusco. His children's mother, Kathryn Smith, whom he married Aug. 11, 1978, also survives in Columbia City.

His maternal grandfather, James Geese, and his paternal grandparents, Gale and Norma Thomas, also preceded him in death.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Andrew Lombardo of First Baptist Church, Coldwater, officiating. Burial will be at Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Calling is noon-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Allen Light

HOWE — Allen L. Light, 81, died at 12:45 a.m. Monday, Aug. 21, 2001, at home in Howe.

He was born Sept. 17, 1919, in Howe.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery, Howe.

Arrangements are by Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe.

Services Held

LIGONIER — Services for **Bill Slone Jr.**, 54, were 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 20, 2001, at Trinity Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Bill Parks officiating.

Burial was at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Pallbearers were Larry Caudill, Dennis Dunlap, Terry Bair, Alan Teel, Jim Wellman and Don Underwood.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier was in charge of arrangements.

Herman Schieber

LIGONIER — Herman W. Schieber, 71, died at 12:40 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The rural Ligonier resident w a lifelong farmer who enjoyed tr eling in the mountains and obser ing wildlife and nature.

He was born Dec. 8, 1929, in Nappanee to Floyd and Mabel (Burkholder) Schieber. On April 1954, in LaGrange, he married Carol Wortinger, who survives in rural Ligonier.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Douglas and Mary Schieber of Wawaka; a daughter and son-in-law, Kathleen "Kathy" and Jeff Boyle of Ligonier; a brot er, Virgil Schieber of Wakarusa; two sisters, Louise Flora of Wakarusa and Evelyn Hahn of Elkhart; and four grandchildren, Kristie Easterday, Adam and Katie Schieber and Chelsea Boyle.

A brother, Raymond Schieber, and a sister, Thelma Fetter, preceded him in death.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Friday a Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Chris Dare officiating. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

THE NEWS-SUN THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2001

Simon Schwartz

WOLCOTTVILLE — Simon B. Schwartz, 85, died at 9:07 p.m. Michigan time Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2001, at his daughter Rose Chapman's home in Nottawa, Mich. He had been in declining health.

The resident of rural Wolcottville lived most of his life in LaGrange County and Michigan. He was a carpenter his entire life and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born April 3, 1916, in Berne to John P. and Barbara (Schwartz) Schwartz. On July 11, 1938, he married Mary Yoder, who preceded him in death Aug. 6, 1983.

Also preceding him in death were a son, Pete Schwartz; a son-in-law, Robert Chapman; a granddaughter; a stepgranddaughter; a great-granddaughter; six brothers; and six sisters.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Barbara Chapman and Rose M. and Jim Chapman, all of Nottawa, and Mary Ellen and Eli Helmuth of Middlebury; three sons and daughters-in-law, Jacob B. and Martha Schwartz and John and Mary Schwartz, all of Sturgis, Mich., and Marvin B. and Mary Anna Schwartz of Wolcottville; two sisters, Rose Miller of Sarasota, Fla., and Racheal Hostetler of Centreville, Mich.; five brothers, John "Mike" and Solomon Schwartz, both of Berne, Abraham Schwartz of Centreville, Amos Schwartz of Geneva and Joe Schwartz of Grabill; 38 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; and six step-great-grandchildren.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Ezra H. Bontrager home, 1305W - 700S, LaGrange. Burial will be at Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is all day Saturday and Sunday at the Marvin Schwartz home, 7240S- 075W, Wolcottville.

Arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Sharon Johnson

AUBURN — Services for Sharon M. Johnson, 65, will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Calling is today from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Mrs. Johnson died Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2001, at 8:56 a.m. in Elkhart General Hospital, Elkhart.

She was a supervisor at Modular Plastics in Elkhart for 20 years, retiring in 1992. She was a member of New Heights Baptist Church in Huntertown. She lived in Elkhart before moving to Auburn in May 1996.

Mrs. Johnson

She was born May 18, 1936, in Mishawaka. Her mother, S. Maxine (Masten) Stoddard, survives in Elkhart and her father, Lyle F. Stoddard, preceded her in death.

She married Delbert C. "Del" Johnson on Oct. 19, 1957, in Ober, Ind., and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Delbert "Del Jr." and Jodie Johnson of Rome City, and David and Jeannie Johnson of Auburn; one brother, Kenneth Stoddard of Carmel; and seven grandchildren, Jill, Julia, Katie Jo and Kellie Johnson, all of Rome City, and David Jr., Sara and Andrew Johnson, all of Auburn.

Pastor Gary Lovens and Pastor Clare Jewell will officiate at Friday's service. Burial will be Friday at 2:30 p.m. in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Osceola.

Memorials are to the church building fund.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Wright Caldwell

CHURUBUSCO — Wright Caldwell, 73, died Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Lesley County, Ky., native was a coal miner in Kentucky for six years and worked at Slater Steels, formerly Joslyn Stainless Steels, for 33 years.

Surviving are his wife, Mae Caldwell; three sons, Harold Caldwell of Albion and Herbert and Claude Caldwell, both of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Carol Pena of Churubusco and Darlene Fisher of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Alex Caldwell of Pineville, Ky., and Hiram Caldwell of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Judy Noe and Dorothy Shirly, both of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is 4-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Pentecostal Church of God.

The following obituary is being reprinted to provide additional information.

Larry Morrow Jr.

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Larry Paul Morrow Jr., 29, died Friday, Aug. 17, 2001.

He lived in Glendale, Ariz.

He was born May 16, 1972, in Auburn to Larry Morrow Sr., who survives in Angola, and Betty Morrow, now Betty Noll, who survives in Glendale.

Also surviving are a daughter, Hannah Morrow of Kendallville; a stepfather, James Truelove Sr. of Kendallville; a stepfather, Jerry Noll of Glendale; a brother, James Truelove Jr. of Kendallville; and three sisters, Brooke Morrow of Glendale and Cindy Truelove and Carrie Hall, both of Kendallville.

Services were this morning at Crystal Rose Funeral Home, 9155 W. Van Buren, Tolleson, Ariz. Church services are 5 p.m. Monday at Kendallville First Church of God.

HE NEWS-SUN FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2001

Joseph Schinnerer

DECATUR — Joseph A. Schinnerer, 62, died at 1:33 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2001, at Woodcrest, Decatur, following an extended illness.

He retired from Fleming Excavating, Decatur, in September 2000, and was a former employee of Prestress Services and Central Soya. He had been ministered to by Antioch Lutheran Church, Hoagland.

He was born Nov. 18, 1938, in Willshire, Ohio, to Arthur and Helen (Spring) Schinnerer. On Feb. 18, 1984, he married Sue A. Bales, who survives in Decatur.

Also surviving are two sons, Ronald Schinnerer of Boise, Idaho, and Roger Schinnerer of Decatur; a stepson, Anthony James of Decatur; three brothers, H. George Schinnerer of Willshire, Lester Schinnerer of Decatur and Kenny Schinnerer of Daleville; two sisters, Marlene Beard of Albany and Judy Fraley of Jay, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

Services are 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, with the Rev. Max Murphy officiating. Burial will be at Decatur Cemetery.

Calling is 2-6 p.m. Saturday and 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

Joyce Scercy

SWARTHMORE, Pa., — Joyce C. Scercy, 65, died Thursday, Aug. 16, 2001, at Riddle Memorial Hospital.

The 36-year resident of Swarthmore retired in 1993 after working for 28 years as a clerk at Swarthmore Cleaners. She lived in Paintsville, Ky., before living in Media, Pa. She was an avid bowler who was a member of the Old Alley Cat League at Sproul Lanes, Springfield, Pa., and enjoyed traveling.

She was born in Johnson County, Ky., to Roy and Birdie (Burgraff) Castle. Her husband of 47 years, Jack H. Scercy, survives.

Also surviving are a son, Steven H. Scercy of Lincolnton, N.C.; a daughter, Jackie Bera of Holmes, Pa.; a brother, Lanza Castle of Kendallville; and four sisters, Marie Wiley of Paintsville, Ky., Ruth Collins of Columbus, Ohio, Dixie Rice of Kendallville, and Louise Wiley of Wittensville, Ky.

Services are 8 p.m. Monday at Griffith Funeral Chapel, 520 Chester Pike, Norwood, Pa. Burial is private.

Calling is 7-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Joyce Scercy Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o The Ridley Alumni, P.O. Box 498, Ridley Park, Pa., 19078.

THE NEWS-SUN SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2001

Gerald Goings

AUBURN — Gerald L. Goings, 70, died Friday, Aug. 24, 2001, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Goings retired in 1980 as a receiving clerk at Dana Corp. in Auburn, where he worked for 30 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and lived in Auburn. He was a member and past president of the Kendallville Eagles Lodge.

He was born June 2, 1931, in DeKalb County to William and Margaret (Essig) Goings.

His wife, Wilma (Keller) Goings, died in 1994.

Surviving are three daughters, Michelle Butler and Terri L. Hill, both of Auburn, and Linda Morgan of Conroe, Texas; one sister, Ruth Tester of Waterloo; three brothers, Donald Goings of Rome City, James Goings of Broomall, Pa., and John Goings of New Haven; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

One brother, Fred Goings, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Donna Goings officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County unit of the American Heart Association.

Services Held

LIGONIER — Services for **Herman W. Schieber**, 71, of Ligonier, were held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, with the Rev. Chris Dare officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Pallbearers were Alan Duncan, John Grawcock, Greg Knepp, Pete Ness, Carroll Galloway and Ed Harper.

KENDALLVILLE — Services were held for the **Rev. James A. Mapes Sr.** on Friday at 11 a.m. at the Kendallville Church of the Nazarene. The Rev. Oscar Sheets and the Rev. Phil Rogers officiated. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers were John Barrett, Jason Mapes and Scott Mapes. Active pallbearers were Andres Mapes, Arthur F. Mapes II, Keith Mapes, David Frye, Todd Frye and Michael Mason.

Craig Powell

SHIPSHEWANA — Craig Powell, 45, of Shipshewana, died Friday, Aug. 24, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A 20-year LaGrange County resident, Mr. Powell had worked for Venture Welding in LaGrange as a towmotor driver. He was an avid fisherman and Harley motorcycle rider.

He was born Feb. 16, 1956, in Hamilton, Ohio, to Luther and Jane (Felblinger) Powell. On Dec. 6, 1975, in West Alexandria, Ohio, he married Robin Diane Pemberton, and his wife survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Kristy Jane Powell of Evansville; and two brothers, Ken Brannon of Eaton, Ohio, and Rick Tolson of Hamilton, Ohio.

There will be no services or calling. Burial will be in Keightly Cemetery, Shipshewana. Memorials in lieu of flowers are to the family. Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Ruth Ford

ALBION — Ruth Ford, 83, died at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, 2001, at her home near Albion.

Mrs. Ford

The homemaker was a teacher's aide for Washington Township School, Fort Wayne. She had lived in the Albion area for eight years, coming from Fort Wayne. She was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Albion; the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Ladies Auxiliary; and the Rosary Sodality of Queen of Angels Catholic Church, Fort Wayne.

She was born Dec. 19, 1917, in Davenport, Iowa, to Walter and Bertha (Harber) Seibold.

On Dec. 1, 1943, in Fort Wayne, she married John T. "Jack" Ford, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Judith A. Loy of Wawaka, Phyllis A. Sweet of Fort Wayne and Rebecca A. Tonkel of Albion; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Albion, with Father Babasino Fernandes officiating. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is 2-4 and 5-7 p.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, 209 E. Main St., Albion, and 9-10 a.m. Tuesday at the church. Rosary services are at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Ladies Auxiliary will conduct a service at 7 p.m. Monday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Masses.

Mary Berger

FREMONT — Mary B. Berger, 88, died Saturday, Aug. 25, 2001, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Berger

The resident of Lake George, Fremont, was retired from General Electric, Fort Wayne. She was a member of Jamestown Church, Fremont, and the G.E. Elex Club, Fort Wayne.

She was born Oct. 25, 1912, in Huntertown to William and Bessie (DeWitt) Ward.

In 1946 in Florida she married John H. Berger, who preceded her in death Sept. 11, 1987.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Melvin E. and Mary A. Wilson of Huntertown; two nephews, Tom Wilson of Huntertown and Don Wilson and his wife, Susan Wilson, of Columbia City; a great-niece; a great-nephew; and three great-great-nephews.

Services are 2 p.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Pastor Craig A. Myers officiating. Burial will be at Huntertown Cemetery, Huntertown.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Jamestown Church, Fremont.

Kenneth Rodman

CORUNNA — Kenneth J. Rodman, 69, died at 4:40 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He retired as a factory worker in 1985 and was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born April 17, 1932, in Kendallville to Franklin J. and Eva Mae (Hanson) Rodman.

Surviving are five sons, Kenneth James and Ronald L. Rodman, both of Garrett, James F. and Randy I. Rodman, both of Auburn, and Michael Rodman of Corunna; four daughters, Debra Mae Bentley of Lagro, Sandra Campbell of Waterloo, Mary Jo Taylor of West Virginia and Jean Ann Rodman of Wabash; a brother, Howard Rodman of Ligonier; three sisters, Mary Kelly and Wavalne Rodman, both of Kendallville, and Pauline Meyer of Fort Wayne; 23 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two wives, Mary (Mann) Rodman and Deloris (Tucker) Rodman, and 15 brothers and sisters.

Services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. James Archambeault officiating. Burial will be at Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Thomas Cart

LAGRANGE — Thomas J. Cart, 50, died Friday, Aug. 24, 2001, at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

The rural LaGrange resident was a former social worker for the Indiana Department of Public Welfare in Shelbyville. He came to LaGrange from Indianapolis in 1990. He was a member of Valentine United Methodist Church.

He was born Aug. 23, 1951, in LaGrange to John J. and Mildred Jean (Parker) Cart.

Surviving are a daughter, Lindsay G. Cart of Beech Grove; two sons, Nathan M. and Andrew J. Cart, both of Beech Grove; a sister, Pat Bauman of LaGrange; and a brother, Dennis J. Cart of Jonesboro.

Services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Titus Speicher officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Huntington's Disease Society of America Indiana Chapter, P.O. Box 2101, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

THE NEWS-SUN MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2001

Dr. Charles Novy

GARRETT — Dr. Charles August Novy, 79, died Sunday, Aug. 26, 2001, at 5:30 p.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. He had resided in Garrett for 50 years.

Dr. Novy

He graduated from Loyola Medical School in 1946 and interned at Mercy Hospital in Chicago from 1947-1948.

Dr. Novy was a captain in the U.S. Air Force from 1948-1949. He was in general medical practice in Garrett from 1951 until 1974. He served as staff physician at the V.A. Medical Center in Fort Wayne from 1974-1978.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 1790 and the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Mother Teresa Council, serving as financial secretary.

A lifetime member of the Garrett post of the American Legion, Dr. Novy was also a past member of the Garrett Rotary Club, Garrett Public Library Board, St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Council, St. Joseph School Board and DeKalb County Board of Health.

He was a member of the American Medical Association and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

Born Feb. 7, 1922, in Chicago, he was the son of August and Antonettie (Safranek) Novy.

On Jan. 18, 1947, in Chicago, he married Joan B. Dreher. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are four sons, William, Robert, Thomas and Joseph, all of Garrett; one daughter, Mary Joan Hullinger of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren; and one sister, Georgette Mahoney of Darian, Ill.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the St. Joseph School Gymnasium, Garrett, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett, with military graveside services by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with a rosary service at 4:30 p.m. Additional calling will be Wednesday from 10 a.m. until the service at St. Joseph School.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School or Masses.

Condolences may be sent to: condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Marie Duszynski

SENEY, Mich. — Marie Duszynski, 76, died Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2001 at Tender Care Nursing Home in Munising, Mich.

She was a homemaker, a member of the Salvation Army and a former resident of Munith, Mich.

She was born Aug. 19, 1925, in Lacky, Ky., to Joe and Lola (Hicks) Elliott.

Her husband, Frank Duszynski, preceded her in death.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Frank "Bud" Duszynski of Jackson, Mich., Joe and Joy Duszynski of Munith, Mich., Charlie and Diane Duszynski of Waterloo and Jeff and Kit Duszynski of Kendallville; three daughters, Geraldine Fletcher of Seney, Mich., Joyce Bowser of Englewood, Colo., and Susan Duszynski of Grand Marais, Mich.; four brothers, Clovis Hoover of Kendallville, Denver Elliott of Orland, Leon Elliott of Macy and James Edward Elliott of LaGrange; four sisters, Ruth Terry of Kendallville, Deloris Burkhead of Sturgis, Mich., Alice Faye Patterson of Rome City and Jean Bassler of Pennsylvania; 17 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A daughter, JoAnn, and two sisters, Virginia Likes and Georgia Orange, preceded her in death.

Friends and family will gather for fellowship and memories Saturday from 1-3 p.m. at the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

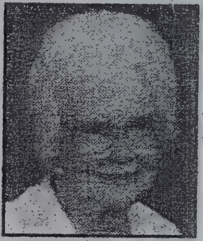
Burial will be in Pleasant Grove Cemetery at Munith, Mich.

Memorials are to the Cancer Society.

Ruth Trowbridge

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth M. Trowbridge, 97, died at 6:25 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, 2001, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare in Kendallville.

On June 2, 1904, in Kendallville, she was born to George and Dessie (Penn) Smith. She married Herbert F. Trowbridge on Feb. 17, 1921, in Kalamazoo, Mich. He preceded her in death on May 30, 1978.


Mrs. Trowbridge

She had been in seriously failing health the past four months.

Mrs. Trowbridge worked at Flint & Walling Co. in Kendallville, and had been a sales clerk at Sellick's Department Store in Kendallville.

She was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, the Dorcas Circle at the church and the Second Time Around Club.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Howard and Marie Trowbridge, Kendallville; a grandson and granddaughter-in-law, John and Cheryl Trowbridge, LaGrange; a granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Cheryl and Dwane Thomas, Woodstock, Ga.; a great-grandson and great-granddaughter-in-law, Steve and Kara Trowbridge, Kendallville; two great-granddaughters, Brandi Trowbridge and Heather Thomas; a great-grandson, Matt Thomas; two great-great-grandchildren Brock and Bryce Trowbridge; and three nieces, Marie Schwartz, Beverly Stonebraker and Reitha Smith, all of Kendallville.

Five sisters and six brothers preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

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Tharon Heffner

TOPEKA — Tharon Keith Heffner, 83, of Topeka, formerly of Atwood Lake and Ligonier, died Sunday, Aug. 26, 2001, in Elkhart General Hospital, Elkhart, where he had been a patient since June.

He died from complications from a fall in June.

On March 7, 1918, in Mishawaka, he was born to Ray A. and Mildred L. (Huff) Heffner. He married Roma Eileen Renner on March 24, 1940, in Ligonier. She survives.

Mr. Heffner had been a Ligonier resident for many years, moving to Atwood Lake in 1967 and then to Topeka.

He was an inspector in the mobile home manufacturing industry, a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War, a member of Wolcottville United Methodist Church, V.F.W. Post 8972 in Bremen, Wolcottville American Legion Post 110 and Disabled American Veterans Goshen Post.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a son, Brent W. Heffner, Edwardsburg, Mich.; a daughter, Melanie Grover, Bremen; a brother, Ronald Ray Heffner, Kimmell; a sister, Orvaleen Schlotterback, Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Twila Cox, preceded him in death in 1996.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with Rev. the Mike Tatman officiating. Burial will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell, where interment services and military internment services will be held.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

Thelma Tritch

HUDSON — Thelma Tritch, 72, died Sunday, Aug. 26, 2001, at 5 p.m. in her Hudson home.

Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Thelma Tritch

HUDSON — Thelma M. Tritch, 72, died Sunday, Aug. 26, 2001, at 5 p.m. at her Hudson home.

Mrs. Tritch was an Angola school bus driver for eight years, a nutrition site director for Ashley-Hudson Manor for eight years, and worked for the Steuben County Council on Aging for five years.

She was a lifetime Steuben County resident and a 1947 graduate of Ashley High School. She was a member of the Hudson United Brethren Church.

She was born June 27, 1929, in Steuben County to Carl and Margie (Deller) Sanders.

She married William L. "Bill" Tritch on July 19, 1947, and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Lyle Tritch of Shelbyville, Ron Tritch of Fremont and Jim Tritch of Angola; one daughter, Sandra Ferrell of Angola; two sisters, Dorothy Kurtz of Columbia City and Barbara Wilhelm of Pleasant Lake; 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

A grandson, Nicholas Horwitz, one sister and five brothers preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Hudson United Brethren Church, with calling there after 1 p.m. The Rev. Craig Burkholder will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Additional calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Memorials are to the Hudson United Brethren Church or Cameron Home Health.

Services Held

AVILLA — Services for **Eileen Patricia Helmkamp** were 10:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 24, 2001, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, with Father Daniel Durkin officiating.

Burial was at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla.

Pallbearers were Bob, Dave and Steve Helmer, Brent Ley, Todd Likens and Todd Arend.

Honorary pallbearers were Debra Brandenberger, Mary Hicov and Ann Gunder.

Arrangements were by Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

Mary Kaufman

TOPEKA — Mary Susan Kaufman, 82, died at 4:15 a.m. Monday, Aug. 27, 2001, at Greencroft Nursing Center, where she had lived since May 18.

The homemaker had helped her husband on the farm and with a gravel and marl business. She lived in Topeka since 1972 until she moved to Evergreen Place, Goshen, in June 2000. Active in her church, she taught Sunday school, was active in Stephen's Ministry and was a delegate to the MCC Great Lakes Conference for many years.

Mrs. Kaufman

She was born Jan. 5, 1919, in Gratiot County, Mich., to William and Susan (Seidner) Dintaman. On March 30, 1946, in Middlebury, she married Vernon M. Kaufman, who preceded her in death Feb. 22, 2000.

Two brothers, Wilbur Dintaman and infant Carl Dintaman, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Bonnie Schultz of Goshen and Birdena Ringenberg of Huntington; two sons, Ronald Kaufman of South Bend and Roger Kaufman of Shipshewana; two sisters, Ethel Buskirk of Goshen and Inez Lauber of Nairobi, Kenya; five brothers, Lawrence Dintaman of Big Rapids, Mich., Earl Dintaman of Traverse City, Mich., Glen Dintaman of LaGrange, Lester Dintaman of Canby, Ore., and Walter Dintaman of Elkhart; and 11 grandchildren.

Memorial services are 11:30 a.m. Friday at First Mennonite Church, Middlebury, with the Rev. Linford Martin of the church officiating. Burial will be at Bontrager Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling is 5-8 p.m. Thursday and 9-10 a.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Angel Tree Prison Ministry or MCC.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Charles Huffer

WINONA LAKE — Charles O. Huffer, 85, died Sunday, Aug. 26, 2001, at Grace Village Health Care, Winona Lake.

The Kosciusko County native formerly lived in Ligonier and Warsaw. He co-owned H&S Farm Store and was a farmer.

Surviving are his wife, Helen Huffer, a daughter, Constance Fields of Columbia City; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A son preceded him in death.

Graveside services are 1 p.m. today at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Calling is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. today at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw.

Memorials are to Grace Village Health Care, P.O. Box 337, Winona Lake, IN 46590.

Madonna Uhrick

BLUFFTON — Madonna L. Uhrick, 72, died Monday, Aug. 27, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Hartford City native retired in 1991 from Franklin Electric Co., Bluffton, after 18 years.

Surviving are her husband, Elmer Uhrick; two sons, Charles W. Bergdoll of Angola and James O. Bergdoll of Madison; three daughters, Terry Lee Black and Shirley Ann Harshman, both of Bluffton, and Cindra Sue Wolf of Ossian; two stepsons, Larry L. Uhrick of Wolcottville and Kerry L. Uhrick of Auburn; two stepdaughters, Joyce A. Smith of Berne and Judy A. Wyatt of Bluffton; a sister, Shirley Ann Sills of Hartford City; a half-brother, James B. DuBois of Magnolia, Texas; 19 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Her first husband, Charles W. Bergdoll Sr., preceded her in death.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel, Bluffton. Burial will be at Elm Grove Cemetery, Bluffton.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. today at the chapel.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association or Heart Association.

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Alfred Lindsay Sr.

LIGONIER — Alfred L. Lindsay Sr., 72, died at 3:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 27, 2001, at his rural Ligonier home.

The lifetime Ligonier area resident was a timber buyer, currently for Shipshewana Hardwood, and previously for Tri-State Hardwood. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He enjoyed gardening and yard work.

He was born March 13, 1929, in LaGrange County to John Clark and Nondus A. (Harnish) Lindsay. On Jan. 31, 1953, in Ligonier, he married Rose Marie Johnson, who survives in rural Ligonier.

Also surviving are three sons, Thomas and Richard Lindsay and Alfred Lindsay Jr., all of Ligonier; two daughters, Edith "Sue" Bowman Musgrave of Syracuse and Dixie Peoples of Ligonier; 16 grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; and a stepgreat-great-grandchild.

Among the surviving grandchildren are three, Charles Martin, Tina Kirkpatrick and James Brown, who were raised by Mr. Lindsay and his wife after the death of their mother, Nondus Brown, a daughter to Mr. Lindsay.

Also preceding him in death were two brothers, Raymond and Homer Lindsay.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Dick Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is 3-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital.

Paula Eizinger

ALBION — Paula J. Kline Eizinger, 55, died Saturday, Aug. 25, 2001, at home in Albion.

The Fort Wayne native and former Fort Wayne resident was a diet technician at Parkview Noble Hospital for three years.

Surviving are her husband, Harold Eizinger; a daughter, Valerie Eizinger of Albion; and a cousin, Susan Pinnick of Fort Wayne.

Services are 2 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

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Rosalie Kline

KENDALLVILLE — Rosalie A. Kline, 82, died at 5:25 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2001, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville, after a one-year illness.

The lifetime Kendallville resident retired in 1980 as a cook at East Noble High School. She also worked at Kraft Foods. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville.

Mrs. Kline

She was born Feb. 17, 1919, in Kendallville to John H. and Marie (Dickinson) Cunningham. On June 25, 1937, in Wolcottville, she married Robert H. Kline, who preceded her in death June 3, 1962.

A brother and two sisters also preceded her in death.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Betty Young and Sharon and Keith Rhodes, all of Riverside, Calif., Jean and Warren Page of Kendallville and Deborah Meyer of Warsaw; three sons and two daughters-in-law, David and Nancy Kline, Harold and Jackie Kline and Fred Kline, all of Kendallville; a half-brother; three half-sisters, including Mary Monteagudo of Sweetwater, Fla.; 25 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the St. John Lutheran School building fund or a charity of the donor's choice.

Kenneth Marks

AUBURN — Kenneth W. "Ken" Marks, 81, died Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2001, at 7:50 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Marks was a former accountant for Rohm Chevrolet in Auburn and also worked at the Auburn Dairy. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of the County Line Church of God and Auburn American Legion Post 97.

He served on the DeKalb County Fair Board and was a charter member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the Zephyrhills, Fla., Lions Club, where he received the Melvin Jones Fellowship, and was a former member of the Leo, Bluffton and Auburn Lions clubs.

He was born Nov. 27, 1919, in Fort Wayne to Charles L. and Ida E. (Schearer) Marks.

He married Wilma Gerig on June 12, 1943, in Vincennes and she survives.

Also surviving are five sons and three daughters-in-law, Gene and Colette Marks of Auburn, Thomas L. and Bonnie Marks of Kendallville, Ronald J. Marks of Auburn, Jon J. and Loretta Marks of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Joseph W. Marks of Lexington, Ky.; one brother, Milton S. Marks of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

One brother and two sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at County Line Church of God, rural Auburn, with calling there after 10 a.m. The Rev. Bob Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Heart Association or the County Line Church of God.

J. Robert Baker

FORT WAYNE — J. Robert "Bob" Baker, 81, died Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2001, at Heritage Park Health Care Center, Fort Wayne.

The Chicago native was a supervisor in the engineering department of Dana Corp. for 36 years, retiring in 1979. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and a veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Carole Murphy Baker; five daughters, Beth Kendrick of Big Long Lake, Carol Rose Shepherd, Jeanne Woods and Patricia Meyers, all of Fort Wayne, and Joan Forney of Columbia City; a sister, Marjorie Nall of Louisville, Ky.; 14 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

His first wife, Helen Alter, preceded him in death in 1989.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 943 Powers St., New Haven. Burial will be at Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, and 10-11 a.m. Friday at the church. Vigil services are 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Masses at St. John the Baptist Church, the Allen County Heart Association or Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice.

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Ruth Ford

ALBION – Ruth Ford, 84, died Saturday, August 25, 2001 at her residence near Albion, Indiana. She was born December 19, 1917 in Davenport, Iowa to Walter and Bertha (Harber) Seibold, both deceased. She was a home maker and teacher's aid for Washington Twp. School in Ft. Wayne. She lived in Albion eight years after moving from Ft. Wayne.

On December 1, 1943, she married John "Jack" Ford in Ft. Wayne. He survives.

She had three daughters; Judith A. Loy of Wawaka, IN, Phyllis A. Sweet of Ft. Wayne, IN, and Rebecca A. Tonkel of Albion, IN. She had eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Albion, IN; the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Ladies Auxiliary and the Rosary & Solidarity Societies of Queen of Angels Catholic Church, Ft. Wayne.

Services were held at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Albion on Tuesday, August 28, 2001 at 10 a.m. with burial at Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Ft. Wayne, Father Babasino Fernandes, officiating.

Preferred memorials are to Masses to the Church.

Paula Eizinger

ALBION-Paula J. Kline Eizinger, 55, died Saturday, Aug. 25, 2001, at home in Albion.

The Fort Wayne native and former Fort Wayne resident was a diet technician at Parkview Noble Hospital for three years.

Surviving are her husband, Harold Eizinger; a daughter, Valerie Eizinger of Albion; and a cousin, Susan Pinnick of Fort Wayne.

Services are 2 p.m. Thursday, August 30, 2001 at D. O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, August 29, 2001 at the funeral home.

Wright Caldwell

CHURUBUSCO -- Wright Caldwell, 73, of Churubusco and a native of Lesley County, Kentucky, died Wednesday, August 22, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital.

He worked for Slater Steel/Joslyn for 33 years and was a former coal miner in Kentucky for six years. He was a member of Pentecostal Church of God.

Surviving are his wife, Mae; sons Harold of Albion, and Herbert and Claude, both of Fort Wayne; daughters Carol Pena of Churubusco and Darlene Fisher of Fort Wayne; brothers Alex of Pineville, Kentucky, and Hiram of Fort Wayne; sisters, Judy Noe and Dorothy Shirly, both of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services were Saturday at D. O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with calling from 4 to 9 p.m. Friday. Burial was at Lindenwood Cemetery. Memorials are to the church.

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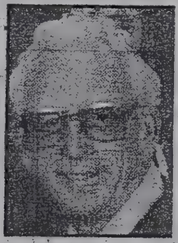
Dennis Eckert

COLUMBIA CITY — Dennis L. Eckert, 63, died Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2001, at his home in Columbia Township.



Mr. Eckert

Mr. Eckert retired in 1991 as a construction supervisor for GTE in Fort Wayne. He graduated from Central High School in Fort Wayne in 1956 and served in the U.S. Army. He formerly lived in Fort Wayne and Churubusco before moving to rural Columbia City.

He was born March 13, 1938, in Warsaw to Edward and Mildred (Albertson) Eckert. His mother survives in Atwood and his father preceded him in death.

He married Sharon R. Eckart on June 27, 1959. She preceded him in death on March 13, 1992.

He then married Camilla Huston Reed on Aug. 9, 1996, and she preceded him in death May 24, 2001.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Dawn and Chad Goodyear of Churubusco; two sons, James E. and wife Phyllis Eckert of Churubusco, and Jeff E. Eckert and companion Kaloni Krider of Churubusco; a stepdaughter and her husband, Christine and Brad Thorp of Centerville, Ohio; two stepsons and their wives, Daniel and Lori Reed of Clearwater, Fla., and Daren and Tammy Reed of Columbia City; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ronald and Marilyn Eckert of Cottonwood, Ariz., and Larry and Leslie Eckert of Auburn; 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Two daughters, Robin Eckert and April Eckert, preceded him in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege, with Father Danney Pinto and Father Donald Isenbarger officiating. Burial will be in Ege Cemetery, Noble County, with military graveside rites by Churubusco American Legion Post 157.

Calling is Monday from 2-8 p.m. in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco. The rosary will be recited Monday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis. Condolences may be sent to the family at sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

The following obituary is being reprinted to correct an error.

Rosalie Kline

KENDALLVILLE — Rosalie A. Kline, 82, died at 5:25 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2001, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville, after a one-year illness.

The lifetime Kendallville resident retired in 1980 as a cook at East Noble High School. She also worked at Kraft Foods. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville.

She was born Feb. 17, 1919, in Kendallville to John H. and Marie (Dickinson) Cunningham. On June 25, 1937, in Wolcottville, she married Robert H. Kline, who preceded her in death June 3, 1962.

A brother and two sisters also preceded her in death.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Betty Young and Sharon and Keith Rhodes, all of Riverside, Calif., Jean and Warren Poage of Kendallville and Deborah Meyer of Warsaw; three sons and two daughters-in-law, David and Nancy Kline, Harold and Jackie Kline and Fred Kline, all of Kendallville; a half-brother; three half-sisters, including Mary Monteagudo of Sweetwater, Fla.; 25 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the St. John Lutheran School building fund or a charity of the donor's choice.

LaVerne Iammarino

FORT WAYNE — LaVerne F. "Mamie" Iammarino, 90, died at 4:45 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2001, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

The lifetime Fort Wayne resident was a homemaker. She was a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne.

She was born Aug. 20, 1911, in Fort Wayne to August and Almia (Martin) Guillaume.

Surviving are a daughter, Virginia McCaffrey of Fort Wayne; a sister, Patricia Bartholomy of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Peter Iammarino, preceded her in death.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Provena Sacred Heart Home Chapel with Father Daniel Leeuw officiating. Burial will be at Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

There is no calling.

Arrangements are by Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

Charlotte Geiger

COLLINS — Charlotte Grawcock Geiger, 91, died at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient since Monday after becoming ill at her home in the Collins area of Whitley County Sunday evening.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

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Phyllis Malott

ANGOLA — Phyllis J. Malott, 69, died Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2001, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She worked at Handy and Harman for seven years as an assembler.

Mrs. Malott was born May 11, 1932, in Fort Wayne to Robert and Thereasa (Dale) Albert.

She married Jack F. Malott on Nov. 11, 1950, in Fort Wayne. He died July 5, 1988.

Surviving are four sons, Rick, Robert, Tim and David Malott, all of Angola; two daughters, Susan Caldwell of Albion and Linda Robles of Fort Wayne; 22 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 7 p.m. in Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with calling there after 3 p.m. Jim Robbins of Rome City and Gary Musser of Angola will officiate. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the family.

Raymond Grimes Sr.

ALBION — Raymond Edward Grimes Sr., 71, died Dec. 14, 2000, at Marion Veterans Administration Hospital, according to obituary information received today.

He was born Sept. 16, 1929, in Albion.

Surviving are three stepsons, Kenneth D. Smith of Saucier, Miss., Max Smith of Albion and James Smith of Kendallville; two stepdaughters, Phyllis Lash and Janice Thacker, both of Kendallville; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mr. Grimes

He was preceded in death by his wife, Viola May (Smith) Grimes, Sept. 28, 1989, and a stepdaughter, Evelyn Gibson of Kentucky.

Cremation took place in Marion. The final resting place is in Hawaii.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Ruth M. Trowbridge** were 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2001, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were the Rev. Barker, John and Steven Trowbridge, Bill Heign, Ben Stonebraker and Joe Henderson.

The following obituary is being reprinted to provide additional information not originally given to The News-Sun.

Rosalie Kline

KENDALLVILLE — Rosalie A. Kline, 82, died at 5:25 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2001, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville, after a one-year illness.

The lifetime Kendallville resident retired in 1980 as a cook at East Noble High School. She also worked at Kraft Foods. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville.

Mrs. Kline

She was born Feb. 17, 1919, in Kendallville to John H. and Marie (Dickinson) Cunningham. On June 25, 1937, in Wolcottville, she married Robert H. Kline, who preceded her in death June 3, 1962.

A brother and two sisters also preceded her in death.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Betty Young and Sharon and Keith Rhodes, all of Riverside, Calif., Jean and Warren Poage of Kendallville and Deborah Meyer of Warsaw; three sons and daughters-in-law, David and Nancy Kline, Harold and Jackie Kline and Fred and Shelley Kline, all of Kendallville; a half-brother; three half-sisters, including Mary Monteagudo of Sweetwater, Fla.; 25 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

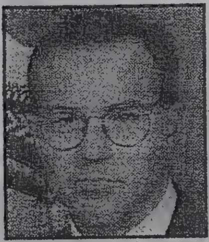
Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the St. John Lutheran School building fund or a charity of the donor's choice.

Gerald Herschberger

SHIPSHEWANA — Gerald D. "Gary" Herschberger, 45, died at 12:48 p.m. Michigan time Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2001, as a result of a grain silo accident in White Pigeon, Mich.

He lived all his life around the Shipshewana area. He was a large grain farming operator. He was a member of First Mennonite Church, Middlebury.


Mr. Herschberger

He was born Feb. 22, 1956, in Goshen to Perry and Annabelle (Yoder) Herschberger, who survive in Middlebury. On Nov. 23, 1979, in Shipshewana he married Rose Hershberger, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jessica Herschberger, at home; two sons, Jared and Joel Herschberger, at home; and four sisters and brothers-in-law, Laura and John Reiner of Goshen, Delores and James Stutzman of Athens, and Carolyn and Rodney Troyer and Marilyn and Randy Troyer, all of Sugar Creek, Ohio.

Memorial services are 2:30 p.m. Sunday at First Mennonite Church, Middlebury, with the Revs. Linford Martin and Myron Bontrager officiating. Burial will be at Miller Cemetery, Goshen.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. today and 1-5 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Water of Life or donor's choice.

Arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Charlotte Geiger

COLLINS — Charlotte M. Geiger, 91, died Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient since Monday after becoming ill at home Sunday evening.

A resident of the Collins community, Smith Township, Whitley County, she spent most of her life in that area. She was a homemaker and member of Collins United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Geiger

She was born Jan. 16, 1910, in Whitley County to William and Effie (Johnson) Hunt. In 1942 she married Perry O. Geiger, who preceded her in death in 1966.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Helen Urshel, in 1971; a son, Ronald E. Grawcock, in 1991; and a brother, Sidney Hunt.

Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Carolyn Grawcock of Collins; a grandson and his wife, Randy and Paula Grawcock of Churubusco; three granddaughters and their husbands, Linda and Scott Anderson, Peggy and Roger LeFever and Patsy and Keith Targgart, all of Churubusco, and six great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Revs. Robert Priest and William Claxton officiating. Burial will be at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Collins United Methodist Church.

Condolences can be sent to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com by e-mail.

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Donald Mark

AVILLA — Donald E. Mark, 79, died Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2001, in Avilla.

The pattern maker for Diversified Pattern and Mark Brother Pattern lived in the Avilla community since 1950. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II and a member of Avilla American Legion Post 240, the 5th bombardment group and Avilla Masonic Lodge 460. He was a member of the Avilla Fire Department for 27 years.

He was born July 30, 1922, in Auburn to Cecil and Nora (Shaffer) Mark. On Dec. 6, 1945, at the Chapel in Angola he married W. June Fanning, who preceded him in death Feb. 11.

A sister, Jane Condon, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son, Stanley Mark of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Jerry Becker of Kendallville; two brothers, Robert Mark of Avilla and Kenton Mark of Kinderhook, Mich.; and four grandchildren, Kevin Becker and his wife, Julie Becker, Anthony Becker and his wife, Lydia Becker, Drew Mark and Carrie Huelsenbeck and her husband, Joe Huelsenbeck.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla, with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with military graveside services by American Legion Post 240.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, 530 N. Main St., Avilla, and 1-2 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to the church or the Avilla Fire Department.

Robert Schenher

CHURUBUSCO — Robert B. "Beany" Schenher, 82, died at 8:15 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31, 2001, at Provena Sacred Heart Home of Avilla.

He was a retired self-employed painter and past owner of Lucky Lady Tavern, Churubusco. He was a member of the Ege Immaculate Conception Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars of Churubusco, American Legion Post No. 240 of Avilla and the Knights of Columbus.

He was born May 14, 1919, in Ege, to Frank and Frances (Bloom) Schenher. He married Erin Amelia Neufer on June 28, 1947, in Ege. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and Jack Green of Churubusco, Susie and Eric Johnson of Sacramento, Calif., and Sally and Jim Panyard of Fremont; three sons and daughters-in-law, Curt and Dawn Schenher and Jeff and Vicki Schenher, all of Churubusco, and Stan and Linda Schenher of Indianapolis; a sister, Agnes Grim of Ege; 15 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Along with his wife, four brothers, seven sisters and two grandchildren preceded him in death.

Services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. at Ege Immaculate Conception Church, with Father Danney Pinto officiating. Burial will be in Ege Catholic Cemetery, with military graveside rites by American Legion Post No. 240 of Avilla.

Visitation is Tuesday from 3 to 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m.

Donations can be made to the church for mass.

V. Nadine Barnhart

AUBURN — V. Nadine Barnhart, 78, died at 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31, 2001, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She retired in 1986 after 26 years working for Rieke Corp. in Auburn. She was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge, Garrett Eagles Lodge, American Legion Post No. 97 of Auburn and St. Joe Church of Christ in St. Joe.

She was born July 23, 1923, in Garrett to Charles and Pearl (Heffelfinger) McBride. She married Raymond Barnhart in Garrett on July 4, 1943. He preceded her in death on Aug. 29, 1979.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Fred and Elaine Barnhart and Roger and Tammy Barnhart, both of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Elizabeth and Bob DePew and Martha and John Close, both of Auburn; four brothers, Rival McBride of Garrett, Dean McBride of Waterloo, Harley Ray McBride of Hamilton and Paul McBride of Boston; two sisters, Eileen Harger of Hamilton and Ann Robbins of Auburn; 11 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Three brothers, Wayne, Vaughn and Neal McBride, and one granddaughter, Jennifer Elaine Barnhart, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Larry Watson presiding. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to St. Joe Church of Christ, St. Joe.

Frank LaFlame

BONITA SPRINGS, Fla. — Frank E. LaFlame, 80, Bonita Springs, Fla., died Friday, Aug. 31, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A former Clear Lake resident, he retired as a mechanical engineer for General Motors-Delco Products, Dayton, Ohio. He was a World War II veteran and was a member of the St. Paul Chapel Catholic Church of Clear Lake and Clear Lake Lions Club.

He was born July 26, 1921, in Beech, Iowa, to Charles and Daisy (Long) LaFlame. On May 1, 1942, in Muskegon, Mich., he married Elayne M. Harper, who survives.

Surviving along with his wife are a daughter and son-in-law, Vicki and David Biddinger of Birmingham, Mich; two sons and daughters-in-law, Steven and Michele LaFlame of Dayton and Gregory and Cynthia LaFlame, North Canton, Ohio; two sisters; two brothers; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Paul Catholic Chapel, Clear Lake. There is no visitation.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Catholic Chapel, 8780 E. 700 North, Clear Lake, in care of the building fund.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

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James Thorsby

HAMILTON — James D. Thorsby, 71, died Saturday, Sept. 1, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A Detroit-area resident most of his life, he moved to Hamilton in 1984. He retired in 1992 as a glazer for Bohn Aluminum in Butler. He was a member of the Angola Assembly of God Church and a U.S. Navy veteran.

He was born July 20, 1930, in Garden City, Mich., to Clarence and Eileen (Whitney) Thorsby. He married Jacque Syders in 1979, and she survives.

Survivors also include two sons, James Thorsby of Livonia, Mich., and Thomas Thorsby of Ann Arbor, Mich.; a stepson, Curtis L. Howe of Pleasant Lake; a stepdaughter, Chrisandra L. Brown of Pleasant Lake; a sister, Eva LaMont of California; and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Marjorie Ann Williams Thorsby, in 1976; a daughter, RayAnn Thorsby; and an infant son.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Assembly of God Church, 645 N. State Road 827, Angola, with Pastors Darold Beck and Chris Cain officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials may be made to the Assembly of God Church missions.

Jerry Russell

PORTLAND — Jerry D. Russell, 53, died Saturday afternoon, Sept. 1, 2001, at home after an extended illness.

The summer resident of Big Turkey Lake, Stroh, worked as a heavy equipment operator for International Union of Operating Engineers Local 103, Fort Wayne, for 30 years. He graduated from Portland High School in 1966. He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church, where he served as a church trustee and usher and was a member of the Round Table Class. He was also a member of the Portland Lions Club, Portland Masonic Lodge 87 F&AM, Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Wayne and Mizpah Temple Shrine, Fort Wayne.

He was born March 7, 1948, in Portland to Clarence Robert and Mary (Romine) Russell. His mother survives in Berne. On Aug. 28, 1971, he married Debbie J. Cash, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Holly E. and Ian Stiggleman of Richmond, Megan M. Russell of Bloomington and Lexi A. Russell of Muncie; a brother and sister-in-law, Andy J. and Juanita Russell of Bedford; and a sister and brother-in-law Carolyn Sue and Fred Bruner of Bluffton.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Asbury United Methodist Church with Pastor Keith Olson officiating. Burial will be at Pennville IOOF Cemetery, Pennville.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. today at Williamson & Spencer Funeral Home Portland Chapel and 10-11 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Masonic memorial services by the Portland Masonic Lodge are 6:30 p.m. this evening at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Jay County Cancer Support Group, Mercer County Hospice or the Asbury United Methodist Church memorial fund.

Services Held

AVILLA — Services for **Donald E. Mark** were Sunday, Sept. 2, 2001, at Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla, with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating.

Burial was at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with military graveside services by American Legion Post 240, Avilla.

Pallbearers were Scott Kimmel, Tony, Drew and Stan Mark, Kevin Becker and Joe Huelsenbeck.

Arrangements were by Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

Bernard Rhodes

FORT WAYNE — Bernard "Dusty" Rhodes, 70, died Sept. 2, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a welder at International Harvester for 25 years, retiring in 1983. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a member of Concordia Lutheran Church.

He was born Oct. 2, 1930, in LaOtto. In 1959 in Germany, he married Johanna Rhodes, who survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are a son, Heinz J. Rhodes of Fort Wayne; a sister, Fern Sage of Huntertown; three brothers, Argyl Rhodes of Avilla, Ernest Rhodes of Fort Wayne and Donald Rhodes of Wolcottville; a brother-in-law, Ludwig Appel of Pleasant Lake; and many nieces and nephews.

A sister, Vestal Troyer, and two brothers, George and Kenneth Rhodes, preceded him in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Concordia Lutheran Church. Burial will be at Concordia Gardens.

Calling is 9:45-11 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Arrangements are by D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Junior Byer

COLUMBIA CITY — Junior Byer, 66, died Saturday afternoon, Sept. 1, 2001, at home in Columbia City.

His formative years were spent on the family farm near Wolf Lake. The 1953 graduate of Wolf Lake High School served in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Midway in the Korean War. After his discharge he bought a farm in Washington Township, Noble County, which he farmed until moving to Columbia City in 1997. He was a member of Ormas Baptist Church and Wolf Lake V.F.W. Post 4717 and served as a 4-H leader.

He was born Feb. 12, 1935, in Perry Township, Noble County, to Herbert and Ruth (Laukhart) Byer. On March 28, 1964, he married Carol R. Hughs, who preceded him in death May 4, 1972. On Jan. 18, 1975, he married Helen Lavanchy Chance, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Brian and Jackie Byer of Everett, Pa., Timothy and Julie Byer of Fort Wayne and Darrell Byer of Las Vegas; three daughters and sons-in-law, DaNette and Darrell Sade of Kimmell, Terril and Brian Mackey of Albion and Trisha and William Armstrong of Wolf Lake; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Gene and Joan Byer of Columbia City and Robert and Lois Byer of Kimmell; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Kathryn Holt of Sun City, Ariz., and Mary Lou and Les Phipps of Warsaw; and 13 grandchildren.

A sister, Betty Wolfe, preceded him in death.

Services are 2 p.m. Wednesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City, with Pastor Harlan Steffen of Wawasee Lakeside Chapel officiating. Burial will be at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas, with Wolf Lake V.F.W. Post 4717 presenting military honors.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Sister Rose Angela Karasiewicz

FRANKFORT, Ill. — Sister M. Rose Angela Karasiewicz O.S.F., 86, died Friday, Aug. 31, 2001.

She moved to Ege when she was 4 years old. An elementary and high school teacher for 56 years, she taught in Freeport, Lockport, Mundelein, Mokena, Danville, New Lenox, and Steger, all in Illinois, and in Indiana. She served as principal for several years. She enjoyed playing the organ. She had lived in Avilla for about a year while the motherhouse in Frankfort, Ill., was being renovated, returning to the motherhouse earlier this year.

She was born Mary Karasiewicz Dec. 27, 1915, in Sturgis, Mich., to Stanley and Helen (Konger) Karasiewicz. She entered the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart Sept. 14, 1931, made her first profession of vows March 19, 1934, and her final profession of vows March 19, 1937.

Surviving are a brother, Leonard Karr of LaOtto; and a sister, Bertha (Karasiewicz) Teders of Avilla.

A brother, Kenneth Karr, and a sister, Bernice (Karasiewicz) Buchtman, preceded her in death.

Funeral Mass is 10 a.m. Wednesday at Queen of Angels Chapel, 9201 W. St. Francis Road, Frankfort.

Calling is 2-7:30 p.m. today at the motherhouse, with wake services at 4 p.m.

Memorials are to the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart Senior Sisters Retirement Fund, 9201 W. St. Francis Road, Frankfort, IL 60423-8335.

Ignacio Urenda

HOWE — Ignacio DeJesus Urenda was stillborn Saturday, Sept. 1, 2001, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Surviving are his parents, Ignacio and Carla (Espinoza) Urenda of Howe; and his grandparents, Luis and Martha (Romos) Urenda and Carlos and Teresia (Silva) Espinoza, all of Mexico.

Graveside services are 1 p.m. today at Babyland, Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange, with the Rev. Paul Faroh officiating.

There is no calling.

Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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Phyllis Malott

ANGOLA - Phyllis J. Malott, 69, died Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2001, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She worked at Handy and Harman for seven years as an assembler.

Mrs. Malott was born may 11, 1932, in Fort Wayne to Robert and Thereasa (Dale) Albert.

She married Jack F. Malott on Nov. 11, 1950, in Fort Wayne. He died July 5, 1988.

Surviving are four sons, Rick, Robert, Tim and David Malott, all of Angola; two daughters, Susan Caldwell of Albion and Linda Robles of Fort Wayne; 22 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Friday, August 31, 2001 at 7 p.m. in Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola with Jim Robbins of Rome City and Gary Musser of Angola will officiate. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the family.

Raymond Grimes, Sr., 71

ALBION-Raymond Edward Grimes Sr., 71, died Dec. 14, 2000, at Marion Veterans Administration Hospital, according to obituary information received today.

He was born Sept. 16, 1929, in Albion.

Surviving are three stepsons, Kenneth D. Smith of Saucier, Miss., Max Smith of Albion and James Smith of Kendallville; two stepdaughters, Phyllis Lash and Janice Thacker, both of Kendallville; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Viola May (Smith) Grimes, Sept. 28, 1989, and a stepdaughter, Evelyn Gibson of Kentucky.

Cremation took place in Marion. The final resting place is in Hawaii.

Junior Byer, 66

COLUMBIA CITY-Junior Byer, 66, retired Noble County farmer, died Saturday afternoon, September 1, 2001 at his home in Columbia City.

He was born on February 12, 1935 in Perry Township, Noble County, a son of Herbert and Ruby (Laukhart) Byer. His formative years were spent on the family farm near Wolf Lake and he graduated from the Wolf Lake High School in 1953.

During the Korean Conflict he served in the U. S. Navy on board the USS Midway.

After his discharge from the Navy, he purchased a farm in Washington Township, Noble County which he farmed until moving to Columbia City in 1997.

On March 28, 1964 he was united in marriage to Carol R. Hughs and she preceded him in death on May 4, 1972.

His second marriage was to Helen Lavanchy Chance on January 18, 1975.

He was a member of Ormas Baptist Church, the Wolf Lake V. F. W. Post #4717 and had served as a 4-H leader.

The surviving relatives include his wife, Helen, Three sons, Brian (Jackie) Byer, Everett, PA, Timothy (Julie) Byer, Fort Wayne, Darrell Byer, Las Vegas; Three daughters, Mrs. Darrell (DaNette) Sade, Kimmell, Mrs. Brian (Terril) Mackey, Albion, Mrs. William (Trisha) Armstrong, Wolf Lake; thirteen grandchildren; two brothers, Gene (Joan) Byer, Columbia City, Robert (Lois) Byer, Kimmell; two sisters, Kathryn Holt, Sun City, Arizona and Mrs. Les (Mary Lou) Phipps of Warsaw.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Betty Wolfe.

The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, September 5, 2001 in the Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with the Harlan Steffen, pastor of the Wawasee Lakeside Chapel, officiating. The burial will be in the Thorn Cemetery at Ormas with the Wolf Lake V. F. W. Post #4717 presenting the military honors.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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Jay L. Rothgeb

COLUMBIA CITY-Jay L. Rothgeb, 80, a resident of Columbia City, died Friday morning, August 31, 2001 in the Manatee Memorial Hospital, Bradenton, Florida where he was admitted Thursday.

He was born May 26, 1921 in Monroeville, Indiana a son of George and Charlotte (Marquardt) Rothgeb. He graduated from Monroeville High School where he played center on the basketball team.

In July 1942 he enlisted in the United States Army, serving during World War II. He was honorably discharged on October 14, 1945.

On January 26, 1946 he was united in marriage to Mary G. "Jerry" Robinson. They made their home in Fort Wayne until the mid 1950s when they moved to Shriner Lake. In 1963 they moved to a farm in Thorncreek Township, Whitley County and in October 1975 to their home in Stable Acres, Jefferson Township, Whitley County. They have made their home in Columbia City since October 1996.

He retired in June 1981 from Dana Corporation, Fort Wayne with 33 years of service.

He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, American Legion post #98, V. F. W. Post #5582, National Rifle Association, Churubusco Gun Club, Society of the Third Infantry Division of the United States Army, Eric A. Scott Outpost 33, Tri Lakes Micro Midgets Racing Association, Spelunker and former Scout Master & Explorer Post Advisor.

He is survived by his wife, Mary "Jerry"; two sons, Byron "Bud" (Karen) Rothgeb of Columbia City and David L. (Caryl Parks) Rothgeb of Bradenton, FL; Two daughters, Kay F. (Doug) Cowdin of Columbia City and Patty A. (Bret) Elliott of Albion; eight grandchildren; two great grandchildren; a brother, Richard Rothgeb of Newburne, North Carolina; a sister, Betty Mills of Fort Wayne; and a sister-in-law, DeVetta Rothgeb of Monroeville.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, George Rothgeb.

The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, September 7, 2001 at Grace Lutheran Church, 204 North main Street, Columbia City with Rev. C. James Cress, church pastor, officiating. The burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne. The visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City and one hour before the service at the church on Friday.

Military honors will be presented at the cemetery by American Legion Post #98.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Grace Lutheran Church.

Jay Rothgeb

COLUMBIA CITY — Jay L. Rothgeb, 80, died Friday morning, Aug. 31, 2001, at Manatee Memorial Hospital, Bradenton, Fla., where he was admitted Thursday.

The graduate of Monroeville High School played center on its basketball team. In July 1942 he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving in World War II. He was honorably discharged Oct. 14, 1945. He and his wife lived in Fort Wayne until the mid-1950s, when they moved to Shriner Lake. In 1963 they moved to a farm in Thorncreek Township, Whitley County. In October 1975, they moved to Stable Acres, Jefferson Township, Whitley County. They had lived in Columbia City since 1996. He retired in June 1981 from Dana Corp., Fort Wayne, after 33 years.

He was a member of the Tri-Lakes Micro Midgets Racing Association, Grace Lutheran Church, American Legion Post 98, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5582, the National Rifle Association, the Churubusco Gun Club, the Society of the Third Infantry Division of the United States Army, and Eric A. Scott Outpost 33. He was a spelunker and a former Scoutmaster and Explorer post adviser.

He was born May 26, 1921, in Monroeville to George and Charlotte (Marquardt) Rothgeb. On Jan. 26, 1946, he married Mary G. "Jerry" Robinson, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Patty A. and Bret Elliott of Albion and Kay F. and Doug Cowdin of Columbia City; two sons and daughters-in-law, Byron "Bud" and Karen Rothgeb of Columbia City and David L. Rothgeb and Caryl Parks of Bradenton; a brother, Richard Rothgeb of Newburne, N.C.; a sister, Betty Mills of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, DeVetta Rothgeb of Monroeville; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A brother, George Rothgeb, preceded him in death.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Grace Lutheran Church, 204 N. Main St., Columbia City, with the Rev. C. James Cress officiating. Burial with military honors by American Legion Post 98 will be at Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City, and 9-10 a.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Frank Christlieb

LIGONIER — Frank R. Christlieb, 82, died at about noon Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2001, at home in Ligonier.

He had lived in the Ligonier area since 1942. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II who received the Purple Heart for injuries received in action in Germany. An auctioneer and antique dealer, he served on the Ligonier Police Department after his discharge from the armed forces. He was a member of the West Noble American Legion Post.

He was born June 17, 1919, in Churubusco to Frank and Bessie Marie (Addis) Christlieb. On May 20, 1939, in Albion, he married Mae Ostrander, who preceded him in death Oct. 25, 1985.

Also preceding him in death were two grandchildren; a brother, Richard Christlieb; and a sister, Evelyn Yoquelet.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Earl and Sally Christlieb of Elkhart; three daughters and sons-in-law, Pat and Harvey Heintzelman of Ligonier, Sandy and Stan Lawson of Avilla and Mary and Clyde Conn of Kimmell; two brothers, Milton Christlieb of Garrett and Paul Christlieb of Churubusco; a sister, Dorothy Ramsey of Churubusco; 13 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; and his companion of 13 years, Phyllis Owens.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. John Lutton officiating. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Leah Flowers

LAGRANGE, Ga. — Leah A. Flowers, 81, died Monday, Aug. 20, 2001, at West Georgia Medical Center.

The former resident of Fort Wayne and Perry, Mich., had lived in LaGrange, Ga., for the past five years. She was a member of Long Cane Baptist Church and a homemaker.

She was born Jan. 26, 1920, in Bartholomew County, Ind., to Karl and Naomi (Bridgewater) Tassler.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Darlene and Wain Nixon and Karen Milkey, all of LaGrange, Ga.; a son and daughter-in-law, Daryl and Mary Flowers of Lake, Mich.; a sister, LeAnna Pratt of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Levi and Becky Tassler of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Woodrow Wilson Flowers, preceded her in death.

Services were at Long Cane Baptist Church with the Rev. Fritz Brown officiating. Burial was at the church cemetery.

Arrangements were by Striffler-Hamby Mortuary, LaGrange, Ga.

Fred DeArmond

FORT WAYNE — Fred DeArmond, 49, died Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2001, in Fort Wayne. The Des Moines, Iowa, native was a supervisor at Wayne Manufacturing, LaOtto, for 13 years.

Surviving are a son, Michael DeArmond of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Jessica DeArmond of Fort Wayne; his parents, Fred and Fay DeArmond of The Villages, Fla.; and a brother, Lou DeArmond of Fort Wayne.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road. Burial will be at Concordia Gardens.

Calling is 2-5 and 6-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the children's college fund.

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John Herber

FORT WAYNE — John I. Herber, 59, died Monday, Sept. 3, 2001, at home.

The Fort Wayne native retired in 1992 as a detailer for International Harvester and Navistar after 32 years. Surviving are two daughters, Beth Ann Martinsky of Leo-Cedarville and Amy Jo Herber of Fort Wayne; six sisters, Judy Wesling of Rome City and Nancy Garman, Rose Marie Frye, Barbara Shaidnagle, Jane Martin and Elizabeth Fisher, all of Fort Wayne; a brother, Steve Herber of Orland; and three grandchildren.

A son, John Matthew Herber, preceded him in death.

Mass of Christian Burial is 10 a.m. Saturday at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1122 S. Clinton St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is 7-9 p.m. Friday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with a rosary said there at 6:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Catholic Charities.

Johnathan Tibbits

WOLCOTTVILLE — Johnathan Mark Tibbits, 16, died at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3, 2001, at home.

The junior at Lakeland High School, LaGrange, had lived in the area three years, coming from Wisconsin.

Tibbits

He was born Jan. 25, 1985, in Fond-du-Lac, Wis., to Douglas Mark Tibbits, who survives in Wolcottville, and JoAnn Hanson, who survives in Butternut, Wis.

Also surviving are three sisters, Amanda Lynn, Megan Irene and Mary Jo Tibbits, all of Butternut; and his stepmother, Donna Tibbits of Wolcottville.

Services will be at a later date at Schafer Mountain Funeral Home, Ashland, Wis. Burial will be at Ashland.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. today at Hutchins Funeral Home, S.R. 9, Wolcottville.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Rosalie A. Kline** were 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, 2001, at St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Pallbearers were Harold, Gerald, Brad, Brent, Ben, Robbie and Erick Kline and David Poage.

Honorary pallbearers were Tom Rhodes and Tim and Scott Young.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, was in charge of arrangements.

Elmer Bowers

AVILLA — Elmer L. Bowers, 73, died Sunday, Sept. 2, 2001, at home. He had been in failing health for a year.

The graduate of Waterloo High School had lived in Avilla for 20 years, coming from Kendallville. He retired from Federal Seal & Gear, Kendallville. He was in the U.S. Army for 18 years, serving in the Korean and Vietnam wars. He was a member of the Avilla American Legion Post.

He was born Dec. 26, 1927, in Corunna to Roy and Iola (Dellenbach) Bowers.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Stephen Bowers and his companion Donna O'Dell of Auburn, and Larry L. and Sharon Powers of Waterloo; two stepdaughters, Sherry Pagliuco of North Carolina and Merry Crager of Pleasant Lake; a stepson, Gerry Yontz of Arizona; four grandchildren, Matthew, Derrick and Jeremy Bowers and Lindsay Treesh; and numerous stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren.

A stepson, Terry Yontz, preceded him in death.

Graveside services are Friday at 3:30 p.m. at Fairfield Cemetery, DeKalb County.

There is no calling.

Arrangements are by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Vanessa Fortman

GARRETT — Vanessa Marie Fortman, 7 months, died at 3:39 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a lifetime resident of Kendallville and Garrett.

She was born Jan. 11, 2001, in Fort Wayne to Tracey A. Fortman of Garrett, who survives.

Also surviving are two brothers, Matthew Fortman of Avilla and Gustavo Fortman of Garrett; her maternal grandparents, Roger and Sunanta Fortman of Avilla; and her maternal great-grandmother, Leona Fortman of Avilla.

Graveside services are 11 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla, with Father Daniel Durkin officiating.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic School, Avilla.

Arrangements are by Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

Charlene Walburn

ROME CITY — Charlene E. Walburn, 57, died at 11:45 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2001, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

Michael Held

GARRETT — Michael Held, 94, died Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2001, at 7:12 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mr. Held was a bottler at Falstaff & Bergoff in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1970. He lived in Garrett for 50 years and was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

He was born Sept. 21, 1906, in Milwaukee, Wis., to Michael and Theresa (Elbner) Held.

He married Mamie I. Rahmer on Feb. 13, 1952, in Garrett, and she survives.

Mr. Held

Also surviving are three nephews, Robert Foulk of Wolcottville, Steven Fuller of Leo and Daniel Fuller of Lisle, Ill.; and three nieces, Shirley Fleming of Bloomington, Diane Held of Sterling Heights, Mich., and Marilyn MacLaren of Clinton Township, Mich.

One brother, Ollie Held, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. The Rev. William Haworth will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Memorials are to the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Carley Hicks

WOLCOTTVILLE — Carley Mae "Carmie" Hicks, 82, died at 5:55 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2001, in Goshen.

She had lived in the Wolcottville area since June 1973, moving there from Virginia. She was a homemaker and a member of Little Flock Church, Paynesville, W.Va.

She was born Feb. 19, 1918, in Pea Patch, Va., to Joshua and Margaret (Mitchell) Arnold. On Oct. 25, 1938, in Pea Patch, she married Raymond Hicks, who preceded her in death Dec. 31, 1996.

Also preceding her in death were two daughters, Louise and Shirley Hicks; a grandchild; three brothers; and a sister.

Surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Raymond Russell and Darlene Hicks of Wolcottville, Joshua J. and Belle Hicks and Amos R. and Sharon Hicks, all of Paynesville, Ronald E. and Roberta Hicks of Ligonier, and Harrison R. and Sandra Hicks of Topeka; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Clara M. and Gillis Johnson of Topmost, Ky., Alice M. and Kenneth Johnson of Pippas Passes, Ky., Fronie Payne of Whitewood, Va., and Lettie Evelyn and Granville Roberts of Ligonier; six sisters, Ethel and Lettie Arnold and Clemmie Vance, all of Baileysville, W.Va., Clara Compton of Asheville, N.C., Patty White of Archdale, N.C., and Martha Justice of Oakwood, Va.; 24 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Little Flock Church, Paynesville, with Elders Morris Wicker and Larry Dixon and Brother Buddy W. Carty officiating. Burial will be at Woody Cemetery, Paynesville.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. today at Little Flossie Church, with evening services at 6 p.m.

Arrangements are by Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

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Cleo Warstler

PLEASANT LAKE — Cleo C. Warstler, 82, died Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2001, at 6:38 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Warstler was retired from Dana Weatherhead in Angola after 35 years of service. He was a member of the Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola.

He also was a 45-year member of Ashley Masonic Lodge 614 and a member of Ashley Order of Eastern Star Lodge 219 and the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne. He belonged to the Pioneer Club of Dana and the Dana Camping Club.

He was born May 8, 1919, in Salem Center to Gerrie and Bertha (Kunce) Warstler.

He married Clara E. Bolinger on May 8, 1943, in Pleasant Lake. She died Dec. 13, 1998.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Judy Warstler of Pleasant Lake; one daughter and son-in-law, Dianna and Gary Milliman of Angola; one brother, Walter Warstler of Owosso, Mich.; four grandchildren, Dale Stevenson, Scott Warstler, Bryan Warstler and Robert "Robbie" Warstler; and three great-grandchildren, Regan Stevenson and Trevor and Brittany Warstler.

A brother, Eugene, preceded him in death in 1967.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Pleasant View Church of Christ, Angola, with calling there after 9 a.m. Tim Seevers will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery in rural Pleasant Lake.

Additional calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson. A Masonic service will be held Friday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Pleasant View Church of Christ.

The following obituary is being reprinted to provide additional information.

Frank Christlieb

LIGONIER — Frank R. Christlieb, 82, died at about noon Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2001, at home in Ligonier.

He had lived in the Ligonier area since 1942. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II who received the Purple Heart for injuries received in action in Germany. An auctioneer and antique dealer, he served on the Ligonier Police Department after his discharge from the armed forces. He was a member of the West Noble American Legion Post.

He was born June 17, 1919, in Churubusco to Frank and Bessie Marie (Addis) Christlieb. On May 20, 1939, in Albion, he married Mae Ostrander, who preceded him in death Oct. 25, 1985.

Also preceding him in death were a son, Jerry Christlieb; two grandchildren; a brother, Richard Christlieb; and a sister, Evelyn Yoquelet.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Earl and Sally Christlieb of Elkhart; three daughters and sons-in-law, Pat and Harvey Heintzelman of Ligonier, Sandy and Stan Lawson of Avilla and Mary and Clyde Conn of Kimmell; two brothers, Milton Christlieb of Garrett and Paul Christlieb of Churu-busco; a sister, Dorothy Ramsey of Churubusco; 13 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; and his companion of 13 years, Phyllis Owens.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. John Lutton officiating. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Doyle Marr

GARRETT — Doyle "Bud" L. Marr, 81, died Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2001, in the Kendallville Manor Nursing Home.

Mr. Marr was a trainman and conductor for 40 years for the B&O and CSX railroads, retiring in 1980. He served in the South Pacific and China in the 1st Marine Division during World War II, and was a member of the Garrett American Legion, the Garrett Eagles, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Association of Retired Persons.

He was born Dec. 15, 1920, in Walkerton to Harry and Hazel (Jackson) Marr.

He married Ruby G. (Bender) Marr, then Bertha (McCauge) Marr. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Doyle L. Jr. and Darlene Marr of Butler; one brother and sister-in-law, Darrell and Naomi Marr of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Devan Marr-Kirkman and Denise Marr.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Dennis Leinbach officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is in the funeral home today from 5-7 p.m. and Friday from noon-2 p.m..

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society and the American Cancer Society.

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Rev. Sidney Bryant

WARSAW — The Rev. Sidney E. Bryant, 76, died Tuesday at home.

The Albion native retired in 1994 as a machinist from Chore-Time, Milford, after 20 years. He was founder of Syracuse United Pentecostal Church, pastoring it from 1967-1972. He also worked at Truelove Brothers Farm Implements, Albion, for 20 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy in World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Doris M.; a son, Jack Bryant of Warsaw; three daughters, Nina Stienbarger and Judy Smith, both of Warsaw, and Patricia Chandler of Pierceton; three sisters, Blanche Lemper of Auburn, Vera Schmuck of Kendallville and Barbara Uhl of Granger; a brother, Vernon Bryant of Rantoul, Ill.; 16 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Two sons preceded him in death.

Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Warsaw United Pentecostal Church. Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw, and noon-1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Kosciusko Home Care & Hospice Inc., 902 Provident Drive, P.O. Box 1196, Warsaw, IN 46581-1196.

Mable Stephenson

FORT WAYNE — Mable C. Stephenson, 84, died at 11:26 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was taken to the hospital Wednesday morning from Woodview Health Care Center, where she had been a patient for about a year.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

M. Elaine Thompson

SAN ANTONIO — M. Elaine Thompson, 83, died Monday at home in San Antonio.

The Huntington County native was a registered nurse in St. Louis, Hamtramck, Mich., and the Zuni Indian Reservation in New Mexico. The former Warren resident also worked as a camp nurse in Wisconsin and a private duty nurse in San Antonio.

Surviving are two sisters, Helen Erwin of Albion and Mary E. Dungan of Majenica.

Graveside services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. Friday at Glancy Funeral Homes H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren.

Memorials are to Boehmer United Methodist Church, R.R. 1, Liberty Center, IN 46766.

Avis Kenderes

LAGRANGE — Avis V. Kenderes, 76, died at 2:10 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2001, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

The homemaker moved from Decatur, Ill., to LaGrange in 1994. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, LaGrange.

She was born Aug. 24, 1925, in Chicago to George and Gladys L. (Rogers) Jones. On May 29, 1954, in Chicago, she married Frank L. Kenderes, who preceded her in death Sept. 5, 1985.

Surviving are two sisters, Joyce Jones of Taylorville, Ill., and Fern Graham of Blue Island, Ill.; a brother, Roger C. Jones of LaGrange; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are 2 p.m. Friday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, LaGrange, with the Rev. Paul Faroh officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is noon-2 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

Memorials are to church Masses.

Marvin Durr

AUBURN — Marvin E. "Jack" Durr, 83, died Thursday, Sept. 6, 2001, at Wesley Health Care Center. He lived in Auburn and was a former resident of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Durr retired from Hipskind Asphalt in 1981. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He was a founding member of the 163rd Fighter Squadron at Baer Field.

He was a native of Craigville and a 50-year member of three organizations — American Legion Post 330 in New Haven, Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 242 in Bluffton, and Maumee Masonic Lodge 725. He also was a member of Scottish Rite and Mizpah Temple in Fort Wayne and South Wayne Baptist Church.

Mr. Durr was born Feb. 23, 1918, in Wells County to Cora (Brown) and Oliver Durr.

He married Maxine Krauter, who survives.

Also surviving him are one daughter, Dixie Durr of Lansing, Mich.; two sisters, Velma Henke and Betty Van Zant, both of Kendallville; and several nieces and nephews.

Six brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Karen Torrez, chaplain at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, will officiate, with military honors by American Legion Post 330. Entombment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home. Masonic services will be held Sunday at 8 p.m. by Masonic Lodge 725.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice, 1316 E. Seventh St., P.O. Box 542, Auburn IN 46706, or Wesley Health Care Center, 1715 Wesley Road, Auburn IN 46706.

Freeman Mishler

LAGRANGE — Freeman H. Mishler, 48, died at 1:20 a.m. today, Sept. 7, 2001, at home in rural LaGrange.

The farmer and school teacher lived all his life in LaGrange. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born May 1, 1953, in LaGrange to Harry F. and Mattie (Lambright) Mishler. His mother survives in LaGrange. On Nov. 2, 1972, in LaGrange, he married Edna Ellen Lehman, who survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Laura Schrock, Naomah Miller, Ruth Yoder and Regina Mishler, all of LaGrange; four sons, Ervin, David, Mark and Vernon Mishler, all of LaGrange; three sisters, Mary Hostetler of Nottawa, Mich., Rosa Yoder of Homer, Mich., and Edna Mae Yoder of LaGrange; four brothers, Ora Jay Mishler of Hillsboro, Wis., Harry F. Mishler Jr. of Dalton, Wis., and John Ray and Daniel Lee Mishler, both of LaGrange; and five grandchildren.

Two brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Monday at the family home, 2730S C.R. 050W, LaGrange, with Bishop Ralph Schrock and the Rev. John Lehman officiating. Burial will be at Miller Cemetery, 300W C.R. 350S, LaGrange.

Calling is after 1 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday at the family home.

Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Walter Driscoll

BLUFFTON — Walter Howard Driscoll, 80, died Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2001, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

The Munice native was a tool and die maker at General Motors, Marion, for 30 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy in World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Rachael E. Driscoll; three sons, Howard B. Driscoll of Hamilton, Clifford E. Driscoll of Markle and Michael G. Driscoll of Warren; six daughters, Delores King and Iris Hendricks, both of Bluffton, Mary Jo Gibson of Battle Creek, Mich., Janet Tabor of Oklahoma, Lois Meyers of Tennessee and Nancy Emobley of Poneto; three sisters, Lillian Mitchell of Kendallville, Mildred Rollins of Muncie and Bertina Sammons of Oregon; 31 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Rebecca, preceded him in death.

Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel, Bluffton. Burial will be at Six Mile Cemetery, Bluffton.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. today and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at the chapel.

Memorials are to Wells County Catastrophic care of Wells Fargo Bank.

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Charlene Walburn

ROME CITY — Charlene E. Walburn, 57, died at 11:45 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2001, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

She was employed at McCray Hospital and was a longtime Emergency Medical Services technician for Noble County. She had lived in the county for 47 years. She was a past president of the Rome City Fire Belles.

She was born Aug. 23, 1944, in Fort Wayne to Leonard S. and Jeanette (Waters) Webb. On Nov. 28, 1964, in Rome City she married Gordon Walburn, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Brian Walburn of Rome City; a brother, Walter Webb of Wolcottville; and four sisters, Jeanne Hooper of Columbia City, Velma Godsey of LaGrange, Becky Owens of Rome City and Vicki Stacy of Emmalena, Ky.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be at Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Orange Township Fire Department, Rome City.

Michael Mains

LAGRANGE — Michael A. Mains, 50, died at 1:40 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, 2001, at home in rural LaGrange.

The carpenter and electrician lived most of his life in LaGrange County.

He was born May 15, 1951, in LaGrange to David J. and May R. (Randol) Mains, who survive in LaGrange.

Also surviving are two daughters, Trinda Wagner of Fort Wayne and Tosha Rittenberg of LaGrange; two sisters, Hope Lukas of Tucson, Ariz., and Susan J. Mains of Fort Wayne; a brother, David J. Mains Jr. of Albion; and two grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be at Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

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Edith Tassler

FORT WAYNE — Edith "Becky" Tassler, 72, died Friday, Sept. 7, 2001, in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Tassler was a cook at Lutheran Hospital, retiring in 1995, and worked for Chick-Fil-A for six years. She was a member of the West Main Street Church of the Nazarene and enjoyed playing the organ, gardening and cake decorating.

She was born in Fort Wayne on July 16, 1925, to Hugh and Ruth (Krewson) Jackson. She married Levi Tassler in Fort Wayne on Aug. 3, 1947, and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Michael L. and Dale Tassler, both of Fort Wayne, and Thomas Tassler of Wawaka; six daughters, Patricia A. Nash, Shirley J. Tassler, Rebecca K. Goings, Cheryl A. Phelps and Becky Dean, all of Fort Wayne, and Carol S. Jackson of Radcliff, Ky.; six brothers, Hugh Jackson of Duquesne, Pa., George Jackson, James Jackson and Albert Jackson, all of Fort Wayne, Donald Jackson of Seal Beach, Calif., and Noel "Gene" Jackson of Auburn; two sisters, Virginia Crick and Laura Mae Schey, both of Fort Wayne; 25 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Paul Tassler, in 1999, and a brother, Robert Jackson.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and one hour before services at the funeral home.

Memorials to the West Main Street Church of the Nazarene

Juanita Hart

KENDALLVILLE — Juanita M. "Nene" Hart, 81, died Friday, Sept. 7, 2001, at 10:58 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hart retired from her job as cook at East Noble High School after 20 years, then worked as a waitress at St. James Restaurant in Avillla for 12 years. She was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto. She also was a member of the Euchre Club, the Swanettes Club, the Noble County Home Extension Club and the LaOtto Fire Department Auxiliary, as well as a past member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church council.

She was born in LaOtto on Sept. 11, 1919, to Conrad and Josephine (Gorell) Beltz. She married Mahlon K. Hart in Auburn on April 25, 1942. He preceded her in death on Nov. 15, 1981.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Robert and Sherry Harter of Fort Wayne, Ronald and Maxine Hart of Hudson, and Jeffery Hart of Kendallville; two daughters and one son-in-law, Susan and David McNutt of Fort Wayne and Jenny Wolford of Kendallville; two sisters, Martha Horn of Fort Wayne and Margaret "TOT" Persons of Kendallville; one brother, Robert Beltz of Danville, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, William and Donald Beltz, and two sisters, Jo Ann Wapps and Mary Jane Venderley, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Burial will be in the Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, and one hour before services at the church.

Memorials are to Emmanuel Lutheran Church or the LaOtto Fire Department.

Randy Anglin

KENDALLVILLE — Randy Lee Anglin, 38, died Thursday, Sept. 6, 2001, at his home in Kendallville.

Mr. Anglin was a graduate of DeKalb High School. He moved from Auburn and had lived in Kendallville about four weeks.

He was born in Kendallville on July 27, 1963, to Douglas M. Anglin, who died July 23, 1972, and Irene (Conley) Summers, who survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a twin brother, Ricky Lynn Anglin of California; his maternal grandmother, Bertha Conley of Stroh; and several aunts and uncles.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Ron Stambaugh, pastor of the Freewill Baptist Church, Auburn, officiating. Burial will be next to his father in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling is Monday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services Held

LIGONIER — Funeral services for **Frank R. Christlieb**, 82, were held Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. John Lutton officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Pallbearers were Chad Christlieb, Joe Christlieb, Mike Christlieb, Jeff Burns, Tony Heintzelman and Dennis Schrader.

Alma Louise Enz

WOLCOTTVILLE — Alma Louise Enz, 59, Wolcottville, died Friday, Sept. 7, 2001, at Midland House, Indianapolis.

Mrs. Enz was born Sept. 19, 1941, in Fort Wayne, to Noel and LaVerne (Stein) Ewert. Both her parents survive in Columbia City. She married E. Neil Enz on Dec. 16, 1961, in Fort Wayne, and he survives.

She worked as an antique dealer and in Amish transportation service. She had lived at Pretty Lake for the last 30 years.

She was a member of the First Church Christ Scientist, Boston, Mass., and the Kendallville Christian Science Society.

In addition to her parents and husband, she is also survived by two daughters, Denise Enz of Pretty Lake and Nicole Velpel of Angola; three sisters, Nola Kay Jetmore of Roanoke, Beth Ann Welch of Columbia City and Dora Lee Duckworth of Granby, Colo.; and two grandchildren, Joshua and Jason Worden of Pretty Lake.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Larry Ewert.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. Eulogist will be Katherine Pennington. Memorials are to Midland House, 3940 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, IN, 46220.

Don Levoid Hay

WATERLOO — Don Levoid Hay, 89, died Saturday, Sept. 8, 2001, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home, Butler.

Mr. Hay was born April 17, 1912, in Elkhart, the son of Delvin Hay and Golda (Stofer) Bartles.

He was a retired pressman for Messenger Corp. in Auburn, retiring in 1977.

He was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Auburn and past treasurer of the Local Printing Pressman's Club. He also was a past band member of the Auburn Union Traveling American Legion Band.

On July 18, 1931, he married Leah Goe, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Thurlow and Gail Hay of Auburn, and Gladwyn and Nancy Hay of Fort Wayne; two daughters and two sons-in-law, Leola and Joe Saunders of Tiffin, Ohio and Thais and Steve Ward of Coshocton, Ohio; 17 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, one great-great-granddaughter, and a nephew, Delvin Hay of Fort Wayne.

A daughter, Donna Watson, and a brother, Dale Hay, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the First Church of the Nazarene in Auburn, with the Rev. John Kinsey officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the First Church of the Nazarene building fund.

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Thelma Brown

GARRETT — Thelma G. Brown, 85, died Sunday, Sept. 9, 2001, at 6:25 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and a longtime resident of Garrett. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Garrett for 67 years and served on the Alumni School Committee.

Mrs. Brown was born Jan. 15, 1916, in Williams County, Ohio, to Cecil and Orpha (Franks) Case.

She married George Brown in 1935 and he died in 1984.

Surviving her are three sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Barbara Brown of Bronson, Mich., G. David and Kay Brown of Broomfield, Colo., and John P. and Dianna Brown of Lafayette; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Carolyn and John McBride of Fremont, Norma Jean Dodenhoff of Fort Wayne, and Janice and Roland Vasconcellos of Bryan, Ohio; one brother, Max Case of Daytona Beach, Fla.; two sisters, Pauline Surfus of Detroit, Mich., and Marie Boyd of Angola; 15 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

One brother, Earl Case, and one sister, Norma Workman, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to the church or the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Katherine Dewart

ALBION — Katherine "Kathy" Dewart, 54, Albion, died at 8:44 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, 2001, at home.

On April 1, 1947, in Auburn, she was born to Clyde and Mable K. (Marline) Priest. On June 27, 1991, she married Tom Dewart.

Dewart

Mrs. Dewart was employed as a production/group leader at Magnovox for 18 years.

She was a member of Albion American Legion Post 246, Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion, Linville Fitness Center and Friends Cancer Survivors Support Group of DeKalb County.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David L. and Christine (Turo) Shields of Indianapolis; a son, Dean A. Shields of Indianapolis; a sister, Nila Hinkley of Ashley; three stepdaughters and stepsons-in-law, Dawn and Curt Schenher, Tina and Mike Adams and Kim and Darin Wingert, all of Churubusco; two half-brothers, Rocky Priest of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Harold Winters of Tennessee; three half-sisters, Donna Miller of Kendallville, Carol Berlew of San Angelo, Texas, and Walmeta Price of Garrett; seven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Herschel D. Shields, on July 11, 1989, her parents, and a brother, Bernard Priest.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Orr Funeral Home in Albion with the Rev. Brenda Ginder officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church or Friends Cancer Survivors Support Group of DeKalb County.

The following obituary is being reprinted to correct information provided by the funeral home.

Juanita Hart

KENDALLVILLE — Juanita M. "Nene" Hart, 81, died at 10:58 a.m. Friday, Sept. 7, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

On Sept. 11, 1919, in LaOtto, she was born to Conrad and Josephine (Gorrell) Beltz. She married Mahlon K. Hart on April 25, 1942, in Auburn. He preceded her in death on Nov. 15, 1981.

She worked at St. James Restaurant in Avilla for 12 years as a waitress, and then worked as a cook at Kendallville Central Middle School for 20 years before retiring.

Mrs. Hart was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto, the Euchre Club, the Swanettes Club, the Noble County Home Extension Club, the LaOtto Fire Department Auxiliary and a past member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church council.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Sherry Hart of Fort Wayne, and Ronald and Maxine Hart of Hudson; a son, Jeffery Hart of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and David McNutt of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Jenny Wolford of Kendallville; two sisters, Martha Horn of Fort Wayne, and Margaret "Tot" Persons of Kendallville; a brother, Robert Beltz of Danville, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Services were today at 11 a.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, LaOtto. Burial was in Huntertown Cemetery following services.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, was in charge of arrangements.

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Ralph Wetzel

CHURUBUSCO — Ralph M. Wetzel, 81, of rural Churubusco, died at 3:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient since Friday. He had been in failing health the past two years.

On Jan. 12, 1920, in Allen County, he was born to John R. and Lois L. (Harter) Wetzel, and spent his formative years there.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and moved to the Churubusco area in 1950.

Mr. Wetzel retired as a motor machinist at Buel Means Cadillac in Fort Wayne in 1984, and also worked at Harold's Carburetor in Fort Wayne and Fort Wayne Studebaker.

He was a member of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, east of Churubusco, and Columbia City Lodge F&AM.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Peggy Wetzel, Churubusco; a brother and sister-in-law, John L. and Doris Wetzel of Fort Wayne; a sister, Joan Wetzel of Euless, Texas; two granddaughters, Tina Wetzel and Sherry Adams, both of Churubusco; and a great-granddaughter, Hannah Adams.

His parents, a sister, Vivian Hollopeter, and four brothers, Clem, Howard, Vernon and Marshall Wetzel all preceded him in death.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Larry Smith, pastor of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com

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Services Held

AVILLA — Services for **Charlene E. Walburn** were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, 2001, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating.

Pallbearers were Gary Bloomfield, Ken Ritchie, Jeff Campbell, Shawn Shepherd, Ernie Miller and Talt Caudill.

Luther Godsey was an honorary pallbearer.

Burial was at Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, was in charge of arrangements.

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Ethel Growcock

MANITOWOC, Wis. — Ethel Marie Growcock died about 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, 2001, at North Ridge, Manitowoc, Wis.

The Ligonier High School graduate was retired after working for Essex Wire and the Ligonier Garment Factory. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Ligonier and Nakomis, Fla.

She was born to Fayette Robert and Leora Belle (McGuire) Lepird. On Dec. 13, 1930, in Goshen she married Robert Floyd Growcock, who preceded her in death Dec. 17, 1983.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Robert Thomas Growcock, on July 2, 2001; six brothers, Lester R., Joseph, Willis Keith "Billy" and Clair Rex "Buster" Lepird and Earl and Darrell Braginton; four sisters, Cleo R. (Lepird) Foster, Flossie (Lepird) Freed, Myrta (Braginton) Orr and Glenniece (Braginton) DePew; a granddaughter, Jennifer Growcock; and two great-grandchildren.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Terry D. and Jo Growcock of Manitowoc; another daughter-in-law, Nancy Growcock of Wausau, Wis.; a sister, Helen Wolfe of Ligonier; five granddaughters and their husbands, Cathy and Gale Trout of Terre Haute, Diana and Mark Owens of Flower Mound, Texas, Wendy and John Heiting and Emily and Lee Hauser, all of Wausau, and Michelle and James Flynn of Woodbury, Minn.; four grandsons and their wives, Robert Thomas and Kimberly Growcock of Orange Park, Fla., Steven and Penny Growcock of Jensen Beach, Fla., David and Shannon Growcock of St. Louis, Mo., and Christopher and Martha Growcock of Indianapolis; 18 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

Services are 2 p.m. Wednesday at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell, with the Rev. Jim Farrer officiating.

Calling is noon-1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, the American Diabetes Association or the charity of the donor's choice.

(Due to incorrect information provided The News-Sun, this obituary is published again.)

Katherine Dewart

ALBION — Katherine "Kathy" Dewart, 54, Albion, died at 8:44 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, 2001, at home.

On April 1, 1947, in Auburn, she was born at Clyde Priest and Mable K. Marline. On June 27, 1991, she married Tom Dewart.

Mrs. Dewart was employed as a production/group leader at Magnovox for 18 years.

She was a member of Albion American Legion Post 246, Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion, Linville Fitness Center and Friends Cancer Survivors Support Group of DeKalb County.

Surviving are: a son and daughter-in-law, David L. and Christine Turo Shields, Indianapolis; a son, Dean A. Shields, Indianapolis; a sister, Nila Hinkley, Ashley; three step-daughters and step sons-in-law, Dawn and Curt Schenher, Tina and Mike Adams and Kim and Darin Wingert, all of Churubusco; one half-brother, Roland Priest, Bay Minette, Ala.; two half-sisters, Dona Miller, Kendallville, and Carol Burlew, San Angelo, Texas; seven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Hershell D. Shields on July 11, 1989, her parents, a brother, Bernard Priest, and a half-sister, Walmeta Price, Garrett.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Orr Funeral Home in Albion with the Rev. Brenda Ginder officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church or Friends Cancer Survivors Support Group of DeKalb County.

Ronald Caskey

TRUMBULL COUNTY, Ohio — Ronald L. Caskey, 63, died Sept. 4, 2001, at Heather Hill Health Care.

The Kendallville native and former Ligonier resident had been a foreman at T&M Rubber, Middlefield, Ohio, until 1998. He then worked at Wengerd Construction.

Surviving are his wife, Elaine Caskey; his father, Charles Caskey of Ligonier; two sons, Mark Caskey of Geneva, Ohio, and Jeff Caskey of Trumbull County; a daughter, Suzanna Adams of Huntsburg, Ohio; two brothers, Anthony and Richard Caskey, both of Ligonier; three sisters, Carolyn Sheley of Bremen, Norma Riley of Goshen and Phyllis Hart of Millersburg; and six grandchildren.

Services were at Russell Golden Rule Funeral Service, Middlefield.

Burial was at Fairview Cemetery, Trumbull County.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or Heather Hill Health Care.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Juanita M. "Nene" Hart** were 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 10, 2001, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, LaOtto, with the Rev. Suzan Socha officiating.

Burial was at Huntertown Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Adam and Joel Wolford, Chris Hart, Garry and Jerry Beltz, Korey Brewer and Matthew Wickliffe.

Arrangements were by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Warren Lear

GREENCASTLE — Warren E. "Bo" Lear, 82, of Greencastle, died Monday, Sept. 10, 2001, at Putnam County Hospital in Greencastle.

A Greencastle High School graduate, Mr. Lear served in the military police for the United States Army from 1941-45. He was retired from GTE, where he worked as a lineman, on the test board and in various other positions. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Greencastle, and one of the founders of Little League baseball in Greencastle, serving as a coach for Little League and the Babe Ruth League for many years. He was inducted into the Babe Ruth Hall of Fame and received the Joe Boland Award for Service to the Youth of Indiana from the Indiana Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association in 1992.

He was born April 22, 1919, in Greencastle to Walter and Martha (King) Lear. On May 19, 1950, he married Betty Crawley, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Richard and Patricia Lear of Fishers, William and Claudette Lear of Kendallville and Timothy Lear of California; a daughter, Anne Lear of Indianapolis; and six grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by four brothers, Paul, Frances, Walter and Leroy Lear, and two sisters, Nona Sage and Hazel Plank.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at Bittles and Hurt Funeral Home in Greencastle. Calling will be Thursday at the funeral home from 4-8 p.m. Burial will follow at a later date. Memorials are to the Big Walnut Sports Park, P.O. Box 96, Greencastle, IN 46135.

Clarence Eley Sr.

AUBURN — Clarence L. Eley Sr., 82, of Auburn, died Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

He was a U.S. Army Reserve technician for 14 years, retiring in 1979. He also was a body man for Rohm Chevrolet in Auburn for three years, and worked a total of 20 years in various auto repair businesses.

Mr. Eley was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and served in Vietnam as a master sergeant. He was a member of the American Legion and Vietnam Veterans, and was a past commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Angola.

He belonged to the Garrett Presbyterian Church, Masonic Lodge 214 and the Quarter Century Radio Club and was a former member of the Northeast Indiana Amateur Radio Club.

He was born April 15, 1919, in Albion.

Surviving are his wife, Arlene D. (Lane) Eley of Auburn; two sons, Clarence L. Eley Jr. of Auburn and Stephen L. Eley of Lake Orion, Mich.; two daughters, Lee Ann Eley of Dallas and Jane I. Kayser of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Leone Hamon of Goshen and Annabelle Weaver of Elkhart; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Mildred Rahe and Clara Butler.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Friday from noon-1 p.m. at the funeral home. A Masonic service will begin Thursday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shriners Hospitals.

Kathleen Rumsey

BRONSON, Mich. — Kathleen M. Rumsey, 55, died Saturday, Sept. 8, 2001, at The Laurels of Coldwater after an illness of several years.

Mrs. Rumsey was a homemaker and lived in Bronson. She graduated from Prairie Heights High School in 1965.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Sturgis, Mich., and the American Legion Auxiliary of Bronson. She enjoyed reading, flower gardening, playing cards and baby-sitting.

She was born May 6, 1946, in Bronson to Fred and Maybelle (Washburn) Hostetler. They survive in Reading, Mich.

She married Verl Rumsey on March 1, 1968, in LaGrange, and he survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Dustina and Scott Cooper of Birmingham, Mich., Melissa and Tad Graham of Bronson, and Theresa and Michael Holly of Grandville, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Scott and Cheryl Rumsey of Middlebury, and James and Krissa Rumsey of Ann Arbor, Mich.; two brothers, Dwight "Butch" Hostetler of Fort Wayne, and Dennis Hostetler of Hudson; two sisters, Karen Heffelfinger of Reading and Wanda Staldler of Westerville, Ohio; and four grandchildren.

Services were held today at 12:30 p.m. (Indiana time) in Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson, with the Rev. Cal Kozlow of Trinity Lutheran Church, Sturgis, officiating. Burial was to be in Bronson Cemetery.

Memorials are to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to www.kolcz.com.

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Virgil Kimes Sr.

AUBURN — Virgil H. Kimes Sr., 90, died Monday, Sept. 10, 2001, at 4:50 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Kimes was a custodian at the DeKalb County Courthouse from 1959 to 1975, when he retired. He was a former employee of the Auburn Automobile Co. and Magnavox Co. in Fort Wayne and a former truck driver for Universal Tool & Stamping Co. in Butler.

He was a former member of the Lions clubs in Auburn and St. Joe-Spencerville and a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

Mr. Kimes was born March 6, 1911, in Allen County to Chariles and Viola (Hay) Kimes.

He married Dorothy Kelly on May 3, 1934, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Virgil Kimes Jr. and Barbara Kimes of Auburn; two daughters and one son-in-law, Carolyn Sinclair of Nesquehonia, Pa., and Lois and William Shull of Butler; one brother, Bernard Kimes of Fort Wayne; one sister, Kathryn McEwen of Mount Dora, Fla.; 12 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Dianne Kimes, four brothers, one sister and one grandson, Denny Akey, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, with calling after 9 a.m. The Rev. John Kinsey will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is today from 2-4 and 6 -8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of the Nazarene building fund.

Wallace Carruthers

AUBURN — Dr. Wallace Belton Carruthers, 79, died Sept. 1, 2001, at 10 p.m. in his Auburn home.

Dr. Carruthers, M.D.C.M. and F.A.C.S, was board-certified as a general surgeon in Canada and in the United States as a Fellow of the American College of Surgery.

He came to Auburn in 1977 and served as chief of staff at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in 1983, before retiring in 1984.

He was born Nov. 5, 1921, in Saskatchewan, Canada, to Dr. Charles and Eileen (Belton) Carruthers.

He married Louise Weiler Carruthers, who preceded him in death.

Surviving him are a daughter, Dr. Catherine Elizabeth Carruthers of Gainesville, Fla.; a son and daughter-in-law, Christopher Wallace Carruthers and Barbara Carruthers of Chatham, Ontario, Canada; five stepchildren, Kristin, Kendra, Kay, Kennis and Albert; one brother and sister-in-law, Bruce and Kay Carruthers, and four nieces, Susan, Lizbeth, Becky and Lynn.

One brother, Dr. Neil Carruthers, preceded him in death.

Services were held Saturday in St. Andrew's United Church in Chatham, with the Rev. Dennis Landry officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery at Sarnia, Ontario.

McKinlay Funeral Home in Chatham and Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo were in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Valarie Gehringer

BRONSON, Mich. — Valarie A. Gehringer, 66, died Saturday, Sept. 8, 2001, at Battle Creek Health System after an illness of several months.

Mrs. Gehringer had lived in Bronson since August 1985 and worked at Bunch's Shop Rite in Orland for the past eight years. She was a member of St. Mary of Assumption Catholic Church in Bronson. She enjoyed reading, camping, bowling and playing cards.

She was born May 5, 1935, in Detroit to John C. and Agnes (Huber) Bebeau. Her mother survives in Grand Rapids, Mich., and her father is deceased.

She married Charles Gehringer on Oct. 6, 1956, in Christ the King Catholic Church in Redford, Mich., and he survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Denise and Patrick Davis of Westland, Mich., Karen and Marty Bliven of Belleville, Mich., Carol and John Maclean of Belleville, Ann Marie and Robert Sheldon of Wixom, Mich., and Theresa Gehringer of Redford; two sons and daughters-in-law, Joseph and Wendy Gehringer of Romulus, Mich., and Edward and Sandra Gehringer of Plymouth, Mich.; a brother, Jack Bebeau of Temperance, Mich.; 15 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

A brother, Charles Bebeau and sister, Barbara Dzierzyc, preceded her in death.

Services were held today at 9 a.m. (Indiana time) in St. Mary of Assumption Catholic Church, with Rev. Father Richard Fritz officiating. Prayers before Mass were held at 8:30 a.m. (Indiana time) in Klocz Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to www.kolcz.com.

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Virginia Moser

LONGVIEW, Texas — Virginia E. Moser, 78, died Monday, Sept. 10, 2001, in a hospital in Tyler, Texas.

She had worked as an administrative secretary for Tri-State College at Angola. She was a member of the Daughters of the Nile, Order of Eastern Star, Gamma Nu Sorority and the Orthodox Christian Church.

She was born Nov. 23, 1922, in Fort Wayne. Her husband, Oscar L. Moser, preceded her in death.

Surviving are one son, Steven Moser of Dallas; a daughter, Cheryl Moser of Flint, Texas; a granddaughter and her husband, Victoria and Kent Young of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and three nieces, Debra Sparks and Kim Sparks, both of Dayton, Ohio, and Dina Rufo of Largo, Fla.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Lakeview Memorial Gardens in Longview, Texas. There will be no calling.

Lakeview Funeral Home, Longview, is in charge of arrangements.

Katherine "Kathy" Dewart

ALBION - Katherine "Kathy" Dewart, 54, of Albion died Sunday, September 9, 2001 at 8:44 a.m. at home. She was born on April 1, 1947 in Auburn to Clyde Priest and Mable K. Marline.

She is survived by her husband, Tom Dewart of Albion whom she married on June 27, 1991. She was employed as a production/group leader at Magnavox for 18 years.

She was a member of the Albion American Legion Post #246, Trinity United Methodist Church of Albion, Linville Fitness Center and Friends Cancer Survivors Support Group of DeKalb County.

Katherine Dewart

She is also survived by two sons, David L. & Christine Turo-Shields of Indianapolis; Dean A. Shields of Indianapolis; three step daughters Dawn and Curt Schenher of Churubusco; Tina and Mike Adams of Churubusco; Kim and Darin Wingert of Churubusco; one sister Nila Hinkley of Ashley; two half brothers Roland Priest of Bay Minette, AL; three half sisters Dona Miller of Kendallville, Carol Burlew of San Angelo Texas, Walmeta Price of Garrett, deceased; seven grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her first husband Hershell D. Shields on July 11, 1989, her parents and one brother, Bernard Priest.

Services were held on Wednesday, September 12, 2001 with Rev. Brenda Ginder officiating. Burial was at Christian Union Cemetery.

The family requests that donations be made to Trinity United Methodist Church or Friends Cancer Survivors Support Group of DeKalb County.

Rev. Sidney E. Bryant, 76

WARSAW-The Rev. Sidney E. Bryant, 76, died Tuesday at home.

The Albion native retired in 1994 as a machinist from Chore-Time, Milford, after 20 years. He was founder of Syracuse United Pentecostal Church, pastoring it from 1967-1972. He also worked at Truelove Brothers Farm Implements, Albion, for 20 years. He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy in World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Doris M.; a son, Jack Bryant of Warsaw; three daughters, Nina Stienbarger and Judy Smith, both of Warsaw, and Patricia Chandler of Pierceton; three sisters, Blanche Lemper of Auburn, Vera Schmuck of Kendallville and Barbara Uhl of Granger; a brother, Vernon Bryant of Rantoul, Ill.; 16 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Two sons preceded him in death.

Services were held on Saturday, Sept. 8, 2001 at Warsaw United Pentecostal Church. Burial was at Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

Memorials are to Kosciusko Home Care & Hospice Inc., 902 Provident Drive, P. O. Box 1196, Warsaw, IN 46581-1196.

Frank Christlieb

LIGONIER-Frank R. Christlieb, 82, died at about noon Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2001, at home in Ligonier.

He had lived in the Ligonier area since 1942. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army in World War II who received the Purple Heart for injuries received in action in Germany. An auctioneer and antique dealer, he served on the Ligonier Police Department after his discharge from the armed forces. He was a member of the West Noble American Legion Post.

He was born June 17, 1919, in Churubusco to Frank and Bessie Marie (Addis) Christlieb. On May 20, 1939, in Albion, he married Maw Ostrander, who preceded him in death Oct. 25, 1985.

Also preceding him in death were a son, Jerry Christlieb; two grandchildren; a brother, Richard Christlieb; and a sister, Evelyn Yoquelet.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Earl and Sally Christlieb of Elkhart; three daughters and sons-in-law, Pat and Harvey Heintzelman of Ligonier, Sandy and Stan Lawson of Avilla and Mary and Clyde Conn of Kimmell; two brothers, Milton Christlieb of Garrett and Paul Christlieb of Churubusco; a sister, Dorothy Ramsey of Churubusco; 13 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; and his companion of 13 years, Phyllis Owens.

Services were held on Friday, Sept. 7, 2001 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. John Lutton officiating. Burial was at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

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Carlie Tuttle Sr.

TOPEKA — Carlie Tuttle Sr., 76, died Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2001, at the home of his daughter in Topeka.

He was a United States Army veteran of World War II and had retired from Newnam Foundry in Kendallville in 1986 after 23 years of service. He was a 30-year resident of Kendallville.

Mr. Tuttle

He was born Nov. 24, 1924, to William and Minerva (Lewis) Tuttle. On July 1, 1948 in Prestonsburg, Ky., he married Louise Collins, and she preceded him in death April 28, 1986. He married Mary Johnson in Kendallville in 1991, and she survives of LaGrange.

Also surviving are three daughters and son-in-law, Sandra K. and Harrison Hicks of Topeka, Sheila and James Slone of Mount Sterline, Ky., and Linda and Denver Sparkman of Albion; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Farrell and Kathy Tuttle of Kendallville, Jim Tuttle of Spencerville, Roger and Lora Tuttle of Hindman and Carlie Jr. and Aimee Tuttle of Avilla; 21 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Delores Prater of Saint Marys, Ohio.

A daughter, Mary Anna Tuttle, four sisters and nine brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Kendallville, with elders Russell Hicks and Morris Wicker officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville and Friday after noon at the church, with a 6 p.m. service.

Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Robert Doty

ANGOLA — Robert Franklin "Bob" Doty, 76, died Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001, at his Angola home.

Mr. Doty was a pioneer in early television, working in all areas of the emerging industry, from stage manager for live television and as an announcer, program director and general manager.

He began his career in 1949 At WKY-TV in Oklahoma City. He joined WSFA-TV, an ABC affiliate, in Montgomery, Ala., and worked there during the Montgomery bus boycott. He joined WTVT-Channel 13 in Tampa, Fla., in 1956, as operations manager. He became general manager of WPHL-TV in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1968. He was program manager for Channel 9 ABC in Orlando, Fla., before ending his career as vice president and general manager for CBS station WINK AM-FM TV in Fort Myers, Fla. He retired to Angola, where he and his wife owned and operated Video One in Angola for 10 years.

Mr. Doty was a Rotarian and served as a volunteer for Project Help in Angola and the Boys Club of Tampa.

He graduated from Central High School in Fort Wayne, where he played guard on the 1943 Indiana state basketball championship team, the Central High School Tigers. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1943 and served as a radar technician on the aircraft carrier USS Cowpens. He attended the University of Colorado in Denver after his military service.

He was born Nov. 13, 1924, in Fort Wayne to John Harold and Grace (Dailey) Doty.

He married Barbara Ann Harris on Dec. 25, 1946, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Janece Doty Word of Santa Monica, Calif.; two sons, John Harris Doty of Gainesville, Fla., and James Matthew Doty of Auburn; a sister, Joanne Doty Nahrwald; six nieces and nephews, and 12 great-nieces and great-nephews.

A sister, Marjorie Pauline Doty, and a brother, William Gordon Doty, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 910 N. Indiana Ave., Auburn.

Memorials are to the church.

Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Julie Ann Bontrager

MILLERSBURG — Julie Ann Bontrager, 23 months, of Millersburg, died Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2001, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born Sept. 14, 1999, to Eugene and Barbara (Lehman) Bontrager, who survive in Millersburg.

Also surviving are a brother, Daryl Dean, and two sisters, Wanda Jean and Karen Renee, of Millersburg; her grandparents, Leo and Martha Bontrager of Topeka and Walter and Esther Lehman of Middlebury; her great-grandparents, Katie Bontrager of Ligonier, Jacob and Lena Miller of LaGrange and Mary A. Lehman of Middlebury; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be held Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Orva Bontrager, with Bishop Harvey Bontrager and the Rev. Dennis Troyer officiating. Calling will be at the Orva Bontrager home today after 1 p.m. and all day Friday.

Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka. Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

G. Roland McAbee

ASHEVILLE, N.C. — G. Roland McAbee, 62, died Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001.

He was a deacon at Scottsville Road Baptist Church in Bowling Green, Ky., and a supporter of WJCR, a Christian radio station broadcasting to over 150 countries. He worked at CTS in 1962 and then for Eaton Corp. in 1968 as foreman and then plant manager, retiring in 2000.

Services will be held Friday at 2:30 p.m. at Williams Funeral Service in Asheville, with the Rev. Brandon Scott and sons-in-law Robert Jennings and John Bernardi officiating. Calling will be at the funeral home Friday from 1-2:30 p.m.

Burial will be in Shepherd Memorial Park. Memorials are to WJCR Radio Worldwide, P.O. Box 91, Upton, KY 52784.

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Lowell Dean Stacy Jr.

STROH — Lowell Dean Stacy Jr., 47, of Cedar Park, Texas, died after a battle with cancer.

He was raised in Stroh and moved as an adult to Coldwater, Mich., where he was employed with Wickes Lumber. A 1980 job transfer took him to Grapevine, Texas, in 1980 and to Austin, Texas, in 1982. He then took jobs with Doyle Wilson Home Builders, Austin Homes, Legacy Properties and Centex Homes. He enjoyed watching Dale Earnhart in NASCAR races.

He was born July 31, 1954, in Hazard, Ky., to Lowell Dean Sr. and Juanita (Godsey) Stacy. On Dec. 9, 1978, he married Cheryl Murdock, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Lowell Dean Stacy III of Cedar Park; his mother, of Wolcottville; a sister, Joyce Ann Messer of Wolcottville; and two nephews, Jamie and Justin Messer of Wolcottville.

His father preceded him in death.

Services will be held today at 2 p.m. at Cook-Walden Chapel of the Hills Funeral Home in Austin, with calling until 2 p.m. A second service will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at Hindman Funeral Services in Hindman, Ky. Calling will be Sunday at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Kenneth Stacy, Luther, Otis, Marcus, Ronald and Leon Godsey, and Paul, Carl and Michael Murdock. Honorary pallbearers will be Tom Lynch, Don Hayter, Dennis Ciani, Jeff Palmer, Brian Repolge, Bruce McNeil, John Harris, Ray Michael and Gary Meir.

Memorials in lieu of flowers are to the American Cancer Society.

Dorsey Sowles

AUBURN — Dorsey D. Sowles, 70, died today, Sept. 13, 2001, at 1 a.m. in his Auburn home.

Mr. Sowles was an assembler at Dana Corp. and a truck driver, retiring in 1981 with 30 years of service. He formerly lived in Montpelier, Ohio, where he had worked for the City of Montpelier. He attended Dayspring Community Church in Auburn.

He was born June 21, 1931, in Auburn to J.E. and Nina (Collins) Sowles. His mother survives in LaGrange and his father preceded him in death.

He married Viola Purk on May 13, 1950, in Akron, Ind., and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Dorsey Wayne Sowles of North Carolina; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Judy Beard of Auburn, Janet and Steve Carper of Auburn, and June and Rick Fifer of Hamilton; five brothers, Leon Sowles of Auburn, Donald Sowles of Garrett, Ronald Sowles of Albion, and Eugene Sowles and Lloyd Sowles, both of Talaquah, Okla.; three sisters, Betty Sauders of New Haven, Sandra Curtis of LaGrange, and Diana Strong of Atlanta, Ga.; seven grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Dayspring Community Church, 1700 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Bill Lyne will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Additional calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or Dayspring Community

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Kenneth Arnold

AVILLA — Kenneth R. Arnold, 85, died Thursday, Sept. 13, 2001, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

He graduated from Huntertown High School and lived in Avilla since 1941. He worked as a salesman for Watkins Products and Knapp Shoes, and was a founding member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

He was born Oct. 5, 1915, in Eel River Township in Allen County to Henry Mont and Lillia (Ott) Arnold. He married Dolores Stonestreet Sept. 7, 1940, in Churubusco. She survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are two sons, Daniel L. Arnold of Fort Wayne and Mont Arnold of LaGrange; three daughters, Lola Rogers of North Potomac, Md., Sarah Gambi of LaHulpe, Belgium, and Celeste Niles of Burlington, N.J.; 12 grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren.

Four brothers, Henry Forest, George Harold, Donald Montgomery and Ralph Carl Arnold, and a sister, Anna Catherine Leech, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla, with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla.

Burial will be in Avilla Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials in lieu of flowers are to the church.

Frances Hewitt

READING, Mich. — Frances Juanita Hewitt, 69, died Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2001, in Hillsdale Community Health Center.

Mrs. Hewitt was a graduate of Camden-Frontier High School and provided home care to the elderly for many years. She lived in Reading, Mich.

She was born April 23, 1932, in Steuben County, Ind., to Glenwood Francis and Virginia M. (Lowe) Demorest. Her mother survives in Angola and her father is deceased.

She married Wayne Hewitt in 1979 and he died in 1984.

Surviving her are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Raedene and Dennis Newell of Reading, Dana Robinstine of Camden, and Elizabeth and Gary Churchwell of Camden; four sons and three daughters-in-law, James "Casey" Mailahn of Texas, Bradley and Suzy Mailahn of Texas, Michael and Tammy Mailahn of Tennessee, and Troy and Heather Hewitt of Reading; one brother and sister-in-law, Cornelius and Jean Demorest of Portsmouth, N.H.; 20 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Kenneth and Francis Mailahn, and one daughter, Georgia Anne Mailahn.

Memorial services will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in George White Funeral Home, Reading, with the Rev. Alan Fenstermaker officiating. Burial will be in Columbia Cemetery in Columbia, Ohio.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association.

Letha Myers

BRONSON, Mich. — Letha M. Myers, 66, died Thursday, Sept. 13, 2001, at the Community Health Center of Branch County.

Mrs. Myers retired from Bronson Plating Co. after many years of employment. She lived most of her life in the Bronson area and enjoyed gardening, playing cards and puzzles.

She was born Jan. 30, 1935, to Roscoe and Ruby Bupp.

She married Donald E. Myers on March 29, 1959, in Sturgis, Mich. He died Aug. 2, 1983.

Surviving her are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Cindy Myers of Litchfield, Mich., and Bill and Becky Myers of Bronson; two daughters and one son-in-law, Leota and Carlon "Eddie" Rumsey of Bronson, and Ruby Myers of Bronson; one brother, Jim Myers of Ohio; two sisters, Jan Myers of Orland and Bertha Myers of England; 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter and two brothers.

Services will be held Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. (Indiana time) in Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson. Burial will be in Bronson Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. (Indiana times) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the oncology unit at Community Health Care Center of Branch County.

Condolences may be sent to www.kolcz.com.

Services Held

PAYNESVILLE, W.Va. — Services for **Carley Mae "Carmie" Hicks** were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, 2001, at Little Flock Church, Paynesville, W.Va.

Pallbearers were her grandsons.

Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, was in charge of local arrangements.

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Richard Andrews

CLANTON, Ala. — Richard D. Andrews, 72, died Thursday, Sept. 13, 2001, in his home at Clanton. He had been ill for about a year.

Born Aug. 11, 1929, in Garrett, he was the son of Lawrence Andrews and Nona (Quigley) Carter.

Mr. Andrews had lived in Garrett until moving to Clanton about 10 years ago. He was a truck driver.

He was a member of the Lomax Independent Church of Clanton and Garrett Masonic Lodge 537 F&AM.

Surviving are his wife, Peggy (McBride) Andrews of Clanton; one son, Bobby Andrews of Decatur; one daughter, Carla Duckworth of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren; and four brothers, Carl Andrews of Garrett, his twin brother Erle Andrews of Garrett, Robert Andrews of Bryan, Texas, and Ralph Andrews of New Port Richey, Fla.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Beverly Tucker.

A graveside service will be held at a later date at Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett. Pastor Lane Andrews will officiate.

Judy Martin Funeral Home, Clanton, Ala. is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to New Life Ministries, 130 N. Randolph St., Garrett, IN 46738.

Charles J. Yoder

LIGONIER — Charles Jacob Yoder, 83, died Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001, in Goshen General Hospital following an auto accident.

A graduate of Cromwell High School, he was a retired car salesman and a member of the Ligonier Evangelical Church. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He enjoyed gardening and woodworking.

He was born March 25, 1918, in Kosciusko County to Leander and Aura (Weimer) Yoder. On Sept. 1, 1940, in Kimmell, he married Delma Wright, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Charleen Martin of Ligonier; two sons, Steve Yoder of South Windsor, Conn., and John Yoder of Eugene, Ore.; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a brother, Walter Yoder of Markle; and several nieces and nephews.

A sister preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Ligonier Evangelical Church, with the Rev. Hubert Harriman officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 3-7 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Memorials are to the church.

George McDaniels

KENDALLVILLE — George McDaniels, 71, died Friday, Sept. 14, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. McDaniels was born Jan. 23, 1930, to John and Mallie (Patrick) McDaniels.

Mr. McDaniels retired from Reliable Tool in 1991 after 17 years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Vernice (Salisbury) McDaniels, whom he married March 24, 1951, in Prestonsburg, Ky.

Also surviving him are a son and daughter-in-law, Rex and Carol McDaniels of Kendallville, two other sons, Ray McDaniels of Boca Raton, Fla., and Harlan McDaniels of Kendallville; two sisters, Lula Hall of Beattyville, Ky., and Dovie Collins of Martin, Ky.; five granddaughters, Kari McDaniels, Sheila McDaniels and Renae McDaniels, all of Kendallville, Aimie Morse of Corunna and Chasity Collins of Fort Wayne; seven great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Cleburn and Leburn McDaniels, one sister, Lilly Noble, and one great-grandson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Eileen Cronkite

FORT WAYNE — Eileen L. Cronkite, 81, died Thursday, Sept. 13, 2001, at her home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was employed as a pharmacist assistant with Keltsch Pharmacy for 22 years, retiring in 1985. She was also employed by The News-Sun in Kendallville. She was a member of St. Elizabeth Guild and St. Mary's of the Angels, Hudson.

Mrs. Cronkite enjoyed gardening and sewing.

She is survived by three daughters, Deborah Schroeder and Nancy Harris, both of Fort Wayne, and Candace Walz of Flower Mound, Texas; two sisters, Violet Ley of Fort Wayne and Opal Hueber of Ponte Verde, Fla; 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Forrest, in 1980.

Prayers are at 9:30 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church, East State Boulevard at Randallia Drive. Burial will be in St. John Catholic Cemetery, New Haven.

Visitation is from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Sunday with rosary at 4:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Red Cross, St. Jude Catholic Church Masses or St. Jude Catholic School tuition fund.

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Wahneta Reichard

WAWAKA — Wahneta Reichard, 82, died at 8:06 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, 2001, at Goshen General Hospital.

The lifetime Noble county resident was a press operator for Cromwell Products.

A lifetime member of Wawaka United Methodist Church, she was active in the United Methodist Women and had served as the group's president. She enjoyed gardening, yard work, knitting and crafts. She resided at Kingston of Ligonier for the last year due to failing health.

She was born May 20, 1919, in Wawaka to Ulysses and Martha (Gaff) Rose.

On Feb. 4, 1950, she married Charles Moore, who preceded her in death in 1972.

On Dec. 29, 1973, in Wawaka she married Neal Reichard, who survives there.

Also surviving are three stepsons, Terry Moore of LasCruces, N.M., Steven Moore of Paw Paw, Mich., and William Moore of Georgetown, Ky.; two stepdaughters, Sandra K. Gray of Fort Wayne and Cynthia S. Kordell of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Raymond and Garnel Rose, and two sisters, Jesse Weingart and Evelyn Easterday, preceded her in death.

Services are at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Jimmy Robbins of Wawaka United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Elender McGinnis

CROMWELL — Elender Marie McGinnis, 63, died Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2001, at home.

The Wabash County native had lived in the Cromwell area 40 years. She was a cook at several area restaurants and a member of Mtount Tabor Church of God, Etna Green, and the North Webster American Legion Post 253 Auxiliary.

Surviving are four daughters, Debra Grisson of Robinson, Ill., Laura Neibert of Pierceton, Robin Wright of Milford and Tamara Logan of Topeka; a son, Patrick McGinnis of New Paris; a stepdaughter, Robin Marcum of New Haven; a sister, Betty Croy of North Webster; 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Thomas McGinnis, preceded her in death.

Services are at 10 a.m. Monday in Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home Harris Chapel, Syracuse. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 253 in care of Shorty.

Beverly Stevens

GARRETT — Beverly J. Stevens died Friday, Sept. 14, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Garrett resident was a native of Mishawaka. She was a homemaker and attended the North Webster Church of God.

Surviving are two daughters, Sherry Andres of Leesburg and Vickie Preston of Ligonier; three sons, John Whybrew and Andrew Stevens Jr., both of Syracuse, and Nick Stevens of Bowling Green, Ky.; a stepdaughter, Lynn Wade of Bowling Green; a stepson, Robert Stevens of Bowling Green; a sister, Dora M. Thiel of Niles, Mich.; 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Andrew Stevens Sr., preceded her in death.

There will be no services. Calling is 3-8 p.m. Monday at Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association Midwest Affiliate Memorial & Tributes Program or the American Diabetes Association.

Anthony Langley

STROH — Anthony C. Langley, 20, died Saturday, Sept. 15, 2001, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following a motorcycle accident on Friday.

He graduated from American School in Lansing, Ill., and worked at Culligan in Kendallville as a delivery driver. He was a member of the Jehovah's Witness Church in Kendallville. He loved to ride his motorcycle and four-wheeler and was an avid "4x4 Mudder."

He was born Jan. 19, 1981, to Thomas L. and Brenda L. (Leiter) Langley. They survive in Stroh.

Also surviving are two sisters, Larin and Larissa Langley, both at home in Stroh; a paternal grandmother, Shirley Langley of Stroh; maternal grandparents, Larry and Evelyn Leiter of Sahuarita, Ariz.; and a maternal grandmother, Kathryn Levitz of Mongo;

He was preceded in death by his sister, Leah L. Langley, in October 1998, and a paternal grandfather, Robert Langley, in October 1991.

Services will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Lois Johnson

ANGOLA — Lois I. Johnson, 87, died Saturday, Sept. 15, 2001, at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

She was a nurse's aide at Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola, for 17 years. From 1933-1963, she lived in Detroit, where she worked at Dodge Motor Co. and was a beautician.

She was born Feb. 3, 1914, in Flint to Robert and Elsie (George) Slick.

Surviving are a sister, Dortha Shawver, of Pleasant Lake; a brother, Clair Slick, of Auburn; two nephews and a niece.

Her husband, Henry Johnson, preceded her in death.

Graveside services are at 10 a.m. Monday in Mount Zion Cemetery, Steuben Township, Steuben County, with the Rev. Susan Beckett officiating.

There is no calling.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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Mildred Seymoure Young

KENDALLVILLE — Mildred I. Seymoure Young, 87, died at 3 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, 2001, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

Mrs. Young

The 1932 graduate of Kendallville High School attended Manchester Teachers College from 1932-1934. She began teaching in South Milford, teaching there from 1934-1939. After raising her children she went back to teaching at Albion Elementary School from 1956 until her retirement in 1973.

She lived in Pleasant Lake for 29 years during her second marriage. She was a member of the retired teacher's associations in Noble and Steuben counties, the Steuben County Home Ec Club, the Salem Township Study Club, and Stroh Church of Christ and its Ladies Aid. She was a 50-year member of Prentiss Chapter 178, Order of the Eastern Star, Albion.

She was born Jan. 16, 1914, in Milford Township, LaGrange County, to Frederick Earl and Inez Belle (Milbourn) Shroyer.

On April 29, 1939, in Stroh she married Frederick J. Seymoure, who died July 31, 1972. On Aug. 18, 1973, at First Presbyterian Church, Albion, she married Bion A. Young, who died March 20, 2000.

A brother, Harold Shroyer, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Diana and Larry L. Leffel and Cathy Seymoure, all of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Carol Seymoure of Peru; three stepsons and their wives, Lloyd and Sally Young of Washington, Ind., Keith and Judy Young of Pleasant Lake and Everett and Nancy Young of Kemper, Texas; two stepdaughters, Lois Hand and her husband, Richard Hand, of Greenville, S.C., and Martha Gatton of Fishers; seven grandchildren, 16 stepgrandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; and 21 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services are at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Stroh Church of Christ with Pastor Mike Hamm officiating. Burial will be at Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, and 9-10 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Stroh Church of Christ or First Presbyterian Church, Albion.

James Lee Hunter

KENDALLVILLE — James Lee Hunter, 78, died at 6:10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville. He had been ill since Wednesday.

Mr. Hunter lived in the Kendallville area 29 years, coming from Kentucky. The retired foundry worker was also a coal miner while in Kentucky. He was a member of the House of Prayer, Corunna.

He was born Oct. 3, 1922, in Floyd County, Ky.

On Sept. 9, 1972, in Wolcottville he married Erma Conley, who survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Karen Hunter of Springfield, Ohio; a daughter, Barbara Johnson of Michigan; a stepdaughter and her husband, Carolyn and John Campbell of Steuben County; five brothers, Joe, Earl and Walker, all of Kendallville, Robert of Springfield and Charley of Nicholsville, Ky.; two sisters, Gertie of Kendallville and Sola of Harold, Ky.; six grandchildren and a stepgrandchild.

His parents, a sister, Ruth, and four brothers, Garret, Jay, Freel and Johnny, preceded him in death.

Services are at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Hutchins Funeral Home, S.R. 9, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Willie Collins of Valentine Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery, Woodruff.

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Kathleen Stone

ANGOLA — Kathleen Stone, 59, died Saturday, Sept. 15, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Stone was a homemaker in Angola.

She was born April 15, 1942, in Salyersville, Ky., to Preston and Amy (Farler) Smith.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two husbands, Thomas Stephens, who died in 1972, and Roland Stone, who died in 1989.

Surviving are five daughters and three sons-in-law, Christine and Mitchell Stone of Battle Creek, Mich., and Linda Reed, Brenda and Jason Force, Amanda and Robert Tice and Holly Stone, all of Coldwater, Mich.; one son and daughter-in-law, Daniel and Loretta Stone of Angola; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; five sisters, Norma Layne of Quincy, Mich., Mary E. Cubitt and Wanda Vires, both of Hicksville, Ohio, Carol Lawrence of Belmore, Ohio, and Judy Smith of Waterville, N.Y.; and three brothers, Allen Brown of Salyersville, Ky., Billy J. Smith of Leslie, Mich., and Rudy Hefley of Waterville, N.Y.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. The Rev. Charles Sparks will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery at Orland.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the National Kidney Foundation.

Mary Ellen Buknis

FREMONT — Mary Ellen Buknis, 80, died Sunday, Sept. 16, 2001, at Regency Place of Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and had owned a tropical fish store at Klinger Lake, outside Sturgis, Mich. She lived in Fremont and graduated from Fremont High School. She moved out of the area, but returned to Fremont for the past seven years. She enjoyed crafts of all kinds.

Mrs. Buknis was born Oct. 10, 1920, in Fremont to Rennie and Glendora Gould.

She married Joseph Edward Buknis, who preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one son, Joseph Buckness of Coldwater, Mich.; one sister and brother-in-law, Pat and Raymond Tubbs of Fremont; one brother, Everett Gould of New Castle, Pa.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

One sister, Helen Grace (Gould) Henley, preceded her in death.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with calling after 11 a.m. The Rev. Wayne Berkesch will officiate. Burial will be in Knauss Cemetery, Kinderhook Township, Branch County, Mich.

Memorials are to the Salvation Army or American Red Cross to aid those affected by recent events in New York.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Carlie Tuttle Sr.** were held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Kendallville. Elder Russell Hicks and Elder Morris Wicker officiated. Burial was in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Pallbearers were Roger, Jim, Adam and Carlie Tuttle Jr., Harrison Hicks and Denver Sparkman.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

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Elizabeth Cantrell

CALUMET CITY, Ill. — Elizabeth Cantrell, 83, died Sept. 3, 2001.

She was a former Angola resident and a former member of the Hoosier Hills Club.

Surviving her are one nephew, William Voelker of Augusta, Ga.; two nieces, Donna Stevenson and Marlene Backtrom; and one great-nephew and his wife, Mark and Sehui Stevenson.

Services were held Sept. 12 at 11 a.m. in Schroeder-Lauer Funeral Home, Lansing, Ill.

Waneta Boedeker

FORT WAYNE — Waneta M. Boedeker, 84, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2001, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

She was a pharmacy technician and retired from St. Joseph Hospital. She was a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

She was born May 24, 1917, in Fort Wayne to William and Antonetta (Link) Barter.

Surviving her are three sons, Paul S. Boedeker of Fremont, James W. Boedeker of Fort Wayne and Robert H. Boedeker of Angola; a daughter, Debra S. Burley of Fort Wayne; a brother, William Barter of New Haven; a sister, Evelyn Stalder of Delphos, Ohio; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Her husband, Paul J., preceded her in death in 1987.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1100 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, following a prayer service at 9:45 a.m. at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana or Masses.

Memorials are to Masses at the church.

Dennis Landel

BRYAN, Ohio — Dennis L. "Skip" Landel, 80, died Friday, Sept. 14, 2001, at 1:25 p.m. in Harborside Care Center of Northwest Ohio in Bryan.

Mr. Landel was employed as a drill press operator at Aro Corp. in Bryan for 42 years, retiring in 1982. He was a lifelong resident of Melbern, Ohio, near Bryan, and was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps. He was a member of Bryan American Legion Post 284 and Disabled American Veterans. He was an avid golfer and played regularly on many area courses.

He was born Nov. 28, 1920, in Melbern to Frederick Arthur and Helen Angeline (Long) Landel.

Surviving him are one daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Gary Hug of Wabash; three sisters, Kathryn Bruot of Melbern, Thelma Harrold of Boston, and Anita DeLashmutt of Grand Rapids, Mich.; four granddaughters and their husbands, Tricia and Greg Schorr of Vienna, W.Va., Dr. Trina and Maj. Terry Meyer of Chicago, Angela and Steven Meus, also of Chicago, and Shelley and Bill Meador of Indianapolis; and 10 great-grandchildren.

One granddaughter, Gina Marie Hug, and one sister, Betty Nicholls, preceded him in death.

Services were held this morning in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Edgerton, Ohio, with Father Thomas Oedy officiating. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton, with military rites by Bryan American Legion Post 284.

Memorials are to Harborside Health Care Center Memorial Garden Fund or a charity of the donor's choice.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. The Rev. Charles Sparks will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery at Orland.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the National Kidney Foundation.

Reva Fulp

LAGRANGE — Reva Fulp, 86, of LaGrange, died Sunday, Sept. 16, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor.

A homemaker, Mrs. Fulp was born Sept. 22, 1914, in Veedersburg to Rufus and Inez (Towell) Dillon. On March 10, 1934, in Veedersburg, she married Bennett Fulp, and he preceded her in death in 1973. A brother, Harold Dillon, is also deceased.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Verna and Carrol Eichelberger of LaGrange and Ruth and Lynn App of Englewood, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, the Rev. Paul and Paula Fulp of Union City; a sister, Thelma Clawson, of Veedersburg; a brother, Clark Dillon of Veedersburg; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at Topeka United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Paul Fulp officiating. Calling will be Wednesday at the church from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Burial will be at Oak Hill Cemetery in Crawfordsville on Thursday. A memorial service will be held in the cemetery chapel Thursday at 11 a.m., with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to the church. Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Florence Cookerly

FRANKLIN — Florence I. Cookerly, 87, formerly of Kendallville, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2001, in Franklin.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Ruth Liggett

WOLCOTTVILLE — Ruth L. Liggett, 90, of Big Long Lake, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2001, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare.

She worked at Wayne Knitting Mill in Fort Wayne for over 35 years, retiring in 1958. She was a past president of the Hosiery Union Local in Fort Wayne, a member of the Fort Wayne Elks Lodge and a Princess of the Nile, Order of the Eastern Star, Fort Wayne.

She was born June 26, 1911, in Willoughby, Ohio, to Charles and Mary (Smith) Reed. On July 21, 1934, in South Whitley, she married W. Page Liggett, and her preceded her in death Nov. 30, 1975. A brother, Kenneth Reed, and a sister, Thelma Hefner, are also deceased.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Roger Meyer of Big Long Lake; a son and daughter-in-law, Page D. and Carole Liggett of San Jose, Calif.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at Covington Memorial Gardens Chapel in Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Thomas Clothier from First Christian Church of Kendallville officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Thursday from 5-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Shriner's Childrens Hospital.

Olive Osterlund

ALBION — Olive Marie Osterlund, 84, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2001, in Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

A homemaker, Mrs. Osterlund was a member of Sparta United Church of Christ in Kimmell and the York Township Homemakers Club.

She was born July 16, 1917, in St. Joseph County to Russell Edgar and Mary Jane Magnus. On May 1, 1941, in Chicago, she married Sven Osterlund, and he preceded her in death Jan. 24, 1990. A brother, Roy Magnus, is also deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Carol Adams of Fulton, Mo., and Linda Kleen of Des Plaines, Ill.; two sons, Carl Osterlund of Warren, Mich., and Alan Osterlund of Albion; a brother, James Magnus of Albion; three sisters, Violett Sacrett, Laura Winebrenner and Mary Bales; eight grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Sparta United Church of Christ in Kimmell, with the Rev. Linn Bartling officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Albion. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery.

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Olin Showalter

KENDALLVILLE — Olin J. Showalter, 72, died Sunday, Sept. 16, 2001, at his Kendallville home.

He was a 1948 graduate of Kendallville High School and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He worked as a machine operator at Auburn Gear, retiring in 1991.

He was born July 26, 1929, in Coldwater, Mich., to Olin E. and Marie Fern (Dunn) Showalter. On April 19, 1975, in Kendallville, he married Madonna Weimer, and she survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a son, David Showalter of Kendallville; three stepdaughters, Emily Watson of Kendallville, Pam Gabet of Butler and April Anthony of Ashley; two stepsons, Roy Moulder of Lawton, Okla., and Tim Moulder of Hicksville, Ohio; a sister, Nancy Hardy of Douglas, Mich.; a brother, Richard Showalter of Helen, Ga.; six grandchildren; 16 stepgreat-grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Martha Becker, preceded him in death March 31, 1994.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, with military graveside services by the Kendallville Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

John Hoffelder

WATERLOO — John Hoffelder, 92, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2001, at 10:07 a.m. in the Waterloo home where he was born and lived his life.

Mr. Hoffelder was a lifelong farmer since age 14. He built and co-owned stock cars that raced at several area tracks, and worked on cars for 25 years. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, rural Waterloo.

He was born Feb. 21, 1909, in rural Waterloo to Frank and Louise (Dapp) Hoffelder.

He married Dorothy Miller on Feb. 17, 1934, in Monroeville, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Max Hoffelder of Waterloo; one grandson, Michael Hoffelder of Chicago; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, with calling after 9 a.m. Father David Carkenord will officiate. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery.

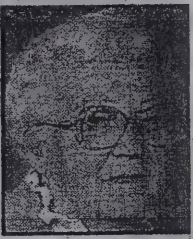
Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

The following obituary is being reprinted to include additional information.

Olive Osterlund

ALBION — Olive Marie Osterlund, 84, of Albion, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2001, in Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Osterlund was a homemaker and a member of Sparta United Church of Christ in Kimmell, for which she served on the Worship and Caring committees. She was a member of the York Township Homemakers Club and the York Township Pleasure Club. She also belonged to the Noble County Historical Society and the Gene Stratton-Porter Memorial Society.



Mrs. Osterlund

She was born July 16, 1917, in St. Joseph County to Russell Edgar and Mary Jane (Blough) Mangus. On May 1, 1941, in Chicago, she married Sven Osterlund, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 24, 1990. A brother, Roy Mangus, is also deceased.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and Pat Adams of Fulton, Mo., and Linda and Al Kleen of Des Plaines, Ill.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Carl and Carolyn Osterlund of Warren, Mich., and Alan and Connie Osterlund of Albion; a brother, James Mangus of Albion; three sisters, Violett Sackett of LaPeer, Mich., Laura Winebrenner of Hastings, Mich., and Mary Bales of Cedarsville, Ind.; eight grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Sparta United Church of Christ in Kimmell, with the Rev. Linn Bartling officiating. Calling will be today from 3-8 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Albion and from 9-10 a.m. at the church on Thursday. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church, the Gene Stratton-Porter Memorial Society or Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Florence Cookerly

KENDALLVILLE — Florence L. Cookerly, 87, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2001, at Todd Aikens Health Center in Franklin.

She was a lifelong resident of Kendallville and graduated from Kendallville High School in 1932. She was the owner and operator of The Redwood in Kendallville from 1957-1972.

She was born April 22, 1914, in Kendallville, to William J. and Eliza (Haas) Franke. On June 16, 1937, in Decatur, she married Alford Howard Cookerly Jr., and he preceded her in death on Dec. 30, 1979. A brother, Harry L. Franke, and a sister, Grace H. Misselhorn, are also deceased.

Surviving are a son, retired Col. David H. Cookerly of San Antonio, Texas; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan E. and Thomas Armor of Franklin; five grandchildren, Cheryl Bowers of Kendallville, Scott Cookerly of Williamsburg, Va., Liz Marks Strauss of Indianapolis and Melissa Sue and Jon Armor of Franklin; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. David Hogsett and the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the church or Johnson Memorial Cancer Center in Franklin.

Homer Owen

KENDALLVILLE — Homer J. Owen, 87, died Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mr. Owen was a lifelong Noble County farmer and a resident of rural Albion. He was educated in the rural Noble County schools, and was raised on the family farm in Green Township. He retired from dairy farming in 1978, and enjoyed buying, selling and training horses.

He was born in Green Township, Noble County, March 6, 1914, to Otis and Maggie (Diffendarfer) Owen. On Sept. 15, 1934, he married Sarah A. Gaff in Whitley County, and she preceded him in death Sept. 4, 1998. The couple spent their married life in Noble County.

Three sisters, Hazel Wilson, Clara Boggs and Mildred Gross, and two grandsons, Terry Lee Freeman and Shane DeWayne Owen, are also deceased.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Darryl and Barbara Owen and Jack and Jane Owen, all of Albion, and Dennis and Wanda Owen of Lafayette; three daughters and sons-in-law, Kay and Wilbur Freeman of Marion, Janice and Dale Geiger of Columbia City and Joyce and Richard Caskey of Ligonier; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Viva and Harold "Pete" Harlan and Ruth Ott, all of Albion; 21 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Brenda Ginder of Trinity United Methodist Church officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials are to the Shriner's Children's Hospital in Chicago. Condolences may be sent to the family at sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

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Amy Jones

AUBURN — Amy H. Jones, 93, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2001, at Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mrs. Jones was a book binder with H&H Book Bindery for 15 1/2 years, retiring in 1972. She was a Messenger Corp. employee for many years.

She lived in Auburn and formerly lived in Indianapolis for 27 years. She was a member of the Indian Village Church of God and enjoyed crocheting, reading books and her family.

She was born June 14, 1908, in Noble County to George W. and Julia (Homsher) Humbert.

Her husband, Robert H. Jones, preceded her in death.

Surviving are nine nieces, Amy Houser of Pleasant Lake, Mabel Eldridge, Wanita Hisey and Fern Wilcoxson, all of Auburn, Wilma Sherck of Waterloo, Linda Brown and Marjorie Sebert, both of Kendallville, Eunice Smith of Royalton, Ill., and Sharon Bronsink of Bowling Green, Ohio.; six nephews, Keith Wagner of Warsaw, Joseph Wagner of Colfax, Ind., Merle Wagner of Auburn, Everett Jones of Leisure City, Fla., and John Jones of Ohio and Roger Jones of Montpelier, Ohio; and two cousins, Mary Meschberger of Auburn and Louise Davis of Indianapolis.

Two sisters, Helen Wagner and Lena Jones, and two brothers, Ralph Humbert and Lawrence Humbert, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in the Indian Village Church of God, Auburn, with calling after 9 a.m. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Additional calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services Held

WAWAKA — Services for **Wahneta Reichard**, 82, of Wawaka, were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Jimmy Robbins officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Pallbearers were Dee, Weston, David and Wyatt Rose and Barry and Chris Thompson.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Services for **James Lee Hunter** were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville, with the Rev. Willie Collins and the Rev. Birtchel Mosley Jr. officiating. Burial was in Woodruff Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Emmons Tackett, Darren Slone, Woody Mason and Hank, Tracy and Paul Williams.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Anthony Carl Langley** were held Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with Dale Hoyt officiating.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **George McDaniels** were held Monday at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Dean, Kevin and Mike Salisbury, Wade Short, Ishmel Wicker and Allen Dirrim.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Mildred Seymoure Young** were held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Stroh Church of Christ, with the Rev. Mike Hamm officiating. Burial was in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Patrick Seymoure, Sean Gatton, Larry D., Larry J., Brian and Eric Leffel and Mike Young.

Dr. Charles Frissell

FREMONT — Dr. Charles T. Frissell, 80, died Friday, Aug. 24, 2001, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, after a short illness.

Dr. Frissell was a Fort Wayne dentist and oral and maxial facial surgeon, retiring in 1984. He was a longtime resident of Lake George.

A Minneapolis native, he was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a past president of the Indiana Dental Association and Isaac Knapp District Dental Society. He was a member of the American Dental Association and Rotary Club.

Surviving are four sons, Michael R. and C. Thomas, both of Fort Wayne, James E. of Tampa, Fla., and Brian S. of Noblesville; a daughter, Janice L. Sainz of Bloomington; a sister, Anne Hennen of Minneapolis; and 10 grandchildren.

Services were held Aug. 27 at D.O. McComb Covington Knolls Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Boy Scouts of America, Anthony Wayne Council, or the Matthew 25 Clinic.

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Mildred Seymoure Young

KENDALLVILLE-Mildred I. Seymoure Young, 87, died at 3 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, 2001, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

The 1932 graduate of Kendallville High School attended Manchester Teachers College from 1932-1934. She began teaching in South Milford, teaching there from 1934-1939. After raising her children she went back to teaching at Albion Elementary School from 1956 until her retirement in 1973.

She lived in Pleasant Lake for 29 years during her second marriage. She was a member of the retired teacher's associations in Noble and Steuben counties, the Steuben County Home Ec Club, the Salem Township Study Club, and Stroh Church of Christ and its Ladies Aid. She was a 50-year member of Prentiss Chapter 178, Order of the Eastern Star, Albion.

She was born Jan. 16, 1914, in Milford Township, LaGrange County, to Frederick Earl and Inez Belle (Milbourn) Shroyer.

On April 29, 1939, in Stroh she married Frederick J. Seymoure, who died July 31, 1972. On Aug. 18, 1973, at First Presbyterian Church, Albion, she married Bion A. Young, who died March 20, 2000.

A brother, Harold Shroyer, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Diana and Larry L. Leffel and Cathy Seymoure, all of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Carol Seymoure of Peru; three stepsons and their wives, Lloyd and Sally Young of Washington, Ind., Keith and Judy Young of Pleasant Lake and Everett and Nancy Young of Kemper, Texas; two stepdaughters, Lois Hand and her husband, Richard Hand, of Greenville, S. C., and Martha Gatton of Fishers; seven grandchildren, 16 step grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; and 21 step great-grandchildren.

Services were Tuesday, September 18, 2001 in the Stroh Church of Christ with Pastor Mike Hamm officiating. Burial will be at Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Stroh Church of Christ or First Presbyterian Church, Albion.

Dorsey Sowles

AUBURN-Dorsey D. Sowles, 70, died today, Sept. 13, 2001, at 1 a.m. in his Auburn home.

Mr. Sowles was an assembler at Dana Corp. and a truck driver, retiring in 1981 with 30 years of service. He formerly lived in Montpelier, Ohio, where he had worked for the City of Montpelier. He attended Dayspring Community Church in Auburn.

He was born June 21, 1931, in Auburn to J. E. and Nina (Collins) Sowles. His mother survives in LaGrange and his father preceded him in death.

He married Viola Purk on May 13, 1950, in Akron, Ind., and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Dorsey Wayne Sowles of North Carolina; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Judy Beard of Auburn, Janet and Steve Carper of Auburn, and June and Rick Fifer of Hamilton; five brothers, Leon Sowles of Auburn, Donald Sowles of Garrett, Ronald Sowles of Albion, and Eugene Sowles and Lloyd Sowles, both of Talaquah, Okla.; three sisters, Betty Sauders of New Haven, Sandra Curtis of LaGrange, and Diana Strong of Atlanta, Ga.; seven granchildren, four step-grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were Monday, September, 17, 2001 in Dayspring Community Church, in Auburn with the Rev. Bill Lyne officiating. Burial was in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or Dayspring Community.

Olive Marie Osterlund, 84

ALBION - Olive Marie Osterlund, 84, of Albion died on September 17, 2001 at 3:00 p.m. in Provena Sacred Heart home in Avilla. She was a homemaker and a member of Sparta United Church of Christ in Kimmell where she was on the Worship Committee and the Caring Committee. She belonged to the York Township Homemakers Club and the York Township Pleasure Club. She was a member of the Noble County Historical Society and the Gene Stratton Porter Memorial Society.

She was born on July 16, 1917 in St. Joseph County, to Russell Edgar Magnus and Mary Jane (Blough) Magnus. Her husband, Sven Osterlund, whom she married on May 1, 1941 in Chicago IL, died on January 24, 1990.

She is survived by two daughters and son-in-laws, Carol and Pat Adams of Fulton, MO and Linda and Al Kleen of DesPlaines, IL; two sons and daughter-in-laws, Carl and Carolyn Osterlund of Warren, MI and Alan and Connie Osterlund of Albion; One brother Jim Magnus of Albion; three sisters Violett Sacrett of LaPeer, MI, Laura Winebrenner of Hastings, MI and Mary Bales of Cedarsville; eight grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one brother Roy Mangus.

Services will be Thursday, September 20, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. at Sparta United Church of Christ in Kimmell, with Rev. Linn Bartling officiating. Burial will follow in Sparta Cemetery. Calling hours are Wednesday, September 19, 2001 from 3:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Orr Funeral home in Albion.

The family asks that donations be made to the Sparta United Church of Christ, Gene Stratton Porter Memorial Society or the Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Carlie Tuttle Sr., 76

TOPEKA - Carlie Tuttle Sr., 76, died Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2001, at the home of his daughter in Topeka.

He was a United States Army veteran of World War II and had retired from Newman Foundry in Kendallville in 1986 after 23 years of service. He was a 30-year resident of Kendallville.

He was born No. 24, 1924, to William and Minerva (Lewis) Tuttle. On July 1, 1948 in Prestonsburg, Ky., he married Louise Collins, and she preceded him in death April 28, 1986. He married Mary Johnson in Kendallville in 1991, and she survives of LaGrange.

Also surviving are three daughters and son-in-law, Sandra K. and Harrison Hicks of Topeka, Sheila and James Slone of Mount Sterline, Ky., and Linda and Denver Sparkman of Albion; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Farrell and Kathy Tuttle of Kendallville, Jim Tuttle of Spencerville, Roger and Lora Tuttle of Hindman and Carlie Jr. and Aimee Tuttle of Avilla; 21 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Delores Prater of Saint Marys, Ohio.

A daughter, Mary Anna Tuttle, four sisters and nine brothers preceded him in death.

Services were held on Saturday, September 15, 2001, at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Kendallville, with elders Russell Hicks and Morris Wicker officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

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Annette Maurer

FORT WAYNE — Annette M. Maurer, 73, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2001, at her Fort Wayne home.

She was born Feb. 5, 1928, in Elkhart County to Maynard J. and Beatrice I. (Yoder) Manges.

She married Max Maurer on June 29, 1947, in Ligonier. He died June 5, 1998.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Erna Maurer of Churubusco; three sisters, Sheroleen Franks of Kendallville, Myrtle Jane Tinkel of Marion, and Cassandra Boyle of Albion; and two granddaughters, Jacklyn Young and Robyn Maurer, both of Churubusco.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville. Burial will be in White City Cemetery in Spencerville.

Calling is Saturday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Laura Yoquelet

HOWE — Laura Mae Yoquelet, 53, died Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2001, at her home in rural Howe.

A homemaker, Mrs. Yoquelet was born March 31, 1948, in Coldwater, Mich., to Harry "Bud" and Leona Mae (Jarratt) Huber. On Oct. 15, 1964, in LaGrange, she married Bobby G. Yoquelet, who survives.

Also surviving are her parents, of LaGrange; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Pam and David Green of Howe, Pat and Jeff Jackson of Elkhart and Laurie Yoquelet of Sturgis, Mich.; two sisters, Barb Beechy of Topeka and Maryann Christner of Sturgis, Mich.; and seven grandchildren.

A daughter, Beth Ann, preceded her in death in 1969.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe, with the Rev. Mike Wagner officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Hortense Frye

LAGRANGE — Hortense "Corky" Frye, 79, died Thursday, Sept. 20, 2001, at Lifecare Center of LaGrange.

Services are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Basil Miller Sr.

ANGOLA — Basil E. Miller Sr., 71, died Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2001, in his Angola home.

Mr. Miller was a printing and press operator for Moore's Business Forms, retiring after 33 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He lived in Angola and moved to Marion in 1981, returning to Angola a short time ago.

He was born Aug. 16, 1930, in Fremont to John E. and Cleo Miller.

His first wife, Bettie June Lockhart Miller, and second wife, Elsie Fowler Miller, both preceded him in death.

Surviving are one son, Basil E. Miller Jr. of Broomfield, Colo.; three daughters, Karen Craven of Kansas City, Mo., Macelia Striker of Homer, Mich., and Lucinda Hensel of Angola; one sister, Ann Romero of Angola; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Jim Hulbert will officiate. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorials are to the New York Firefighters and Police Officers Widows Fund.

Twila Shultz

SOUTH BEND — Twila Mae Shultz, 71, died Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2001, at Memorial Hospital in South Bend.

Mrs. Shultz graduated from Hamilton High School in 1948 and from Methodist School of Nursing in Indianapolis in 1951. She worked as a nurse at Elmhurst Hospital in Angola and later as an industrial nurse in Mishawaka and Elkhart. She lived in South Bend and was a member of Grace United Methodist Church in South Bend.

She was born June 27, 1930, in Hamilton to Arthur and Dora (Snyder) Lautzenhiser.

Surviving her are two daughters and sons-in-law, Cynthia and Scott Binder of South Bend, and Linda and Robert Przychodny of Granger; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Debra Shultz of Lakeville; one brother, Argyle Lautzenhiser of Waterloo; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A sister, Ardys, and a brother, Lloyd, preceded her in death.

Services were held in South Bend, with burial in Hamilton Cemetery at Hamilton.

Memorials are to the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, 5841 Cedar Lake Road, Suite 204, Minneapolis MN 55416.

Velma Lois Parsley

FORT WAYNE — Velma Lois Parsley, 98, died Thursday, Sept. 20, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor.

Mrs. Parsley was born in Bluffton and worked as a waitress and hostess for V&A Restaurant in Kendallville for eight years. She was a member of WCG at Park Forest Church of God.

Surviving are a daughter, Betty Foltz of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, Darcie and Brian Foltz, both of Fort Wayne; one great-grandson, Paul Foltz of Long Beach, Calif.; and many nieces and nephews.

Her husband, Robert F. Parsley, preceded her in death in 1965, and a grandson, Larry Foltz, died in April, 2001.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling one hour prior to the service. Calling will also be held from 4-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to Freedom House or Rescue Mission.

Christina Corell-Laughry

BOURBON — Christina Mae Corell-Laughry, 51, died Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2001, at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw.

She was a hairstylist for 30 years and the owner of CC & Company Hair Designs since 1997. She lived in Bourbon.

Mrs. Corell-Laughry was born Dec. 4, 1949, in Warsaw to Carl and Evelyn (Thornburg) Eyrich. Her mother survives in Bourbon and her father preceded her in death in 1998.

Also surviving are her husband, Richard; one brother, Stephen Eyrich of Angola; a sister, Brenda Abbott of Fort Wayne; three stepdaughters, Betsy Eyrich of Angola, and Gay Tullis and Richelle Rastetter, both of Orland; a stepson, David Laughry of Nappanee; seven stepgrandchildren and one stepgreat-grandchild.

Services will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with calling after 1 p.m.

Calling is today from 3-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County or the Humane Society.

Forrest Cutler

GARRETT — Forrest M. "Bud" Cutler, 82, died Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2001, at 1:51 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cutler was a farmer and also was a bus driver for 17 years. He lived in Garrett for 60 years.

He was born Aug. 12, 1919, in Ossian to Earl and Olive (Close) Cutler.

He married his Deloris Clanin on Sept. 10, 1943, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Nadine Cook of Garrett; one son, Dennis Cutler of Garrett; two brothers, Paul Cutler of Columbus, Ohio, and Kenneth Cutler of Garrett; five grandchildren, Brian A. Cook, Carrie Smurr, Rheannen Cutler and Joe Cutler, all of Garrett, and Tony Cutler of Indianapolis; and two great-grandchildren, Danyell and Kelsi Smurr.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Glenn, Chester, Elmer and Earl Cutler Jr.; and five sisters, Helen Cutler, Esther Cartwright, Ruth Hall, Florence McKinney, Gladys Porter and Louella Masson.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with the Rev. Herbert Schumm officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Alvin Schrock

LAGRANGE — Alvin J. Schrock, 76, died Friday, Sept. 21, 2001, at 1:34 p.m. in his LaGrange home.

He was a retired farmer and moved to LaGrange from Kansas in 1939. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Mr. Schrock was born Oct. 4, 1924, in Hutchison, Kan., to Jacob S. and Lydian (Miller) Schrock.

He married Polly W. Bontrager on Nov. 4, 1948, in LaGrange County, and she survives.

Also surviving him are six daughters and five sons-in-law, Edna and Daniel Beechy of LaGrange, Amanda and Harvey Miller of Centreville, Mich., Ida A. Schrock of LaGrange, Mary and Mahlon Miller of Howe, Mattie and Fred Cain of Topeka, and Amelia and Levi Miller of Newago, Mich.; nine sons and daughters-in-law, Harley and Edna Fern Schrock of Howe, Abraham and Miriam Schrock of Vestaburg, Mich., Levi and Carolyn Schrock of Wolcottville, and Mervin and Ella Schrock, William and Luella Schrock, Samuel and Edna Schrock, Edwin and Katie Schrock, Ezra and LaVera Schrock, and Melvin and Saranna Schrock, all of LaGrange; one sister, Amanda Borntrager of Wilton, Wis.; three brothers, Andy Schrock of LaGrange, Levi Schrock of Shipshewana, and William Schrock of Middlebury; 97 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one grandson, David Miller; two brothers, Eli and Samuel Schrock, and one sister, Lizzie Schrock.

Services will be held Monday at 9:30 a.m. at the family home, 3665W - 200N, LaGrange. Bishop Edward Schmucker and the Rev. Orva Yoder will officiate. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is today after 4 p.m. and all day Sunday at the family home.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

George Gump

Mr. Gump

CHURUBUSCO — George H. Gump, 100, died Thursday, Sept. 20, 2001, at 9:30 p.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla. He had been a patient there since Tuesday.

He was employed as a carpenter at General Electric Company in Fort Wayne for 26 years, retiring in 1962. He then pursued his hobbies of fishing, making and repairing clocks, and quilting. He was a member of Blue River Church of the Brethren in Whitley County.

Mr. Gump was born Nov. 10, 1900, in Allen County to Jesse A. and Mary A. (Shively) Gump.

He married Hildreth Miller in 1925, and she died July 9, 1984.

Surviving him are one daughter and son-in-law, Julia and Bruce Smyser of Appomattox, Va.; three grandchildren, Jerry Smyser of Washington, D.C., Carole Bowman of Lynchburg, Va., and David Smyser of Solvang, Calif.; nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

Two sisters, Iva Wyland Zumbrun and Ruth N. Steward, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Blue River Church of the Brethren, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Pastor Craig Alan Myers will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Memorials are to the church. Condolences may be sent to the family at sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Hortense Frye

LAGRANGE — Hortense W. "Corky" Frye, 79, died Thursday, Sept. 20, 2001, at 1:20 a.m. in LifeCare Center in LaGrange.

She retired from Kirsh Co. in 1981 after 29 years of service. She was a member of Valentine United Methodist Church, U.A.W. Local 797 and the LaGrange Home Economics Club.

Mrs. Frye was born Oct. 9, 1921, in Elkhart County to Daniel A. and Inez (Helvie) Parker.

She married Willard J. Frye on Dec. 17, 1942, in LaGrange, and he died in 1984.

Surviving her are two daughters and one son-in-law, Judy and Leonard Bauder of White Pigeon, Mich., and Jana Sturgill of Howe; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jim and Debra Frye of Wolcottville, and Jeff and Colleen Frye of Sturgis, Mich.; one brother, Burdett Parker of Wake Forrest, N.C. ; two sisters, Willa Yoder of Sturgis and Deloyce Parker of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Two sisters and two brothers preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Titus Speicher officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Florence L. Cookerly** were held Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, with the Rev. Dr. David Hogsett and the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating.

Casketbearers were David Baker, Ira Grocock, David Christianson, William Franke, Bud Strouse and Ben Early.

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Elva Rice

LIGONIER — Elva Irene Rice, 91, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2001, at 9:45 a.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She resided in South Bend most of her life, but because of ill health, had lived in Lima, Ohio, and Ligonier to be close to a granddaughter.

Mrs. Rice was born Nov. 29, 1909, in Plymouth. Her husband, Fred H. Rice Sr., preceded her in death in 1994.

Surviving her are four grandchildren, Cheri Parker of Syracuse, Greg Rice of Milford, Bonnie Harvey of Warsaw and Janice Reese of South Bend; and six great-grandchildren.

A son, Fred Rice Jr., preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

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Lucas Patillo

AVILLA — Lucas Michael Paul Patillo was stillborn at DeKalb Memorial Hospital on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2001, at 1:34 a.m.

His parents are Michael and Sherri Jo (Ott) Patillo of Avilla.

Other survivors include three sisters, Breanna Patillo of Hobart, Kyla Patillo of Chesterton, and Samantha Patillo of Syracuse; three brothers, Derrick Ott, and Josh Koegler, both of Avilla, and Michael Patillo of Valparaiso; paternal grandparents, Mike and Bonnie Patillo, Knox; and the maternal grandmother, Barbara Ott, Avilla.

Graveside services will be at the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Avilla, on Tuesday, with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, is in charge of arrangements.

Leland Short

CHEYENNE, Wy. — Leland E. Short, 46, died Thursday, Sept. 20, 2001, in Cheyenne, Wy.

He was a mechanic for Balcaen's Auto Parts from Dec. 1995 to March 2001. He served in the Air Force in the Gulf War in Saudi Arabia and Egypt. He was a soccer and baseball coach at the youth center in Cheyenne.

He was born April 28, 1955, in Bourne, Mass., to Carl and Laura (Smith) Short.

He married Irene Alleshouse on Dec. 7, 1974. She survives.

Other survivors include his parents, Angola; two sons, Anthony Short, Denver, Colo., and Timothy Short, Cheyenne; two sisters, Gayla Henderson, Angola, and Jennie Short, Angola; one brother, Carl Curtis Short, Ellicott City, Md.; and one grandchild.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Terry Kevin Short, in 1976.

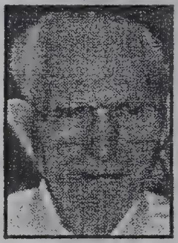
Services are 11 a.m., Wednesday, at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Ken Butz officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County. There will be military honors by the Angola American Legion Post 31.

Calling is for one hour before the services, in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Steuben County Cancer Association or Cameron Hospice.

William Patton

CHURUBUSCO — William Price Patton, 93, of Churubusco, died at 9:31 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 22, 2001, at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne, following a lengthy illness. He had been taken there from his residence on Friday.


Mr. Patton

He spent the first years of his first marriage in Manchester, Ky. During World War II, he worked as a welder in the shipyards at Baltimore, Md. and moved to Whitley County in 1945. He was employed in the tool room at Rea Magnet Wire Company, Inc., in Fort Wayne for 27 years, retiring from there in 1973. He lived with his second wife at Tri-Lakes for a period and moved to Port Charlotte, Fla., in 1975, returning to Churubusco in 1995. He was a member of the Good News Baptist Church in Churubusco.

He was born in Rutherton, Ky., on March 8, 1908, a son of Abram H. and Monima Stone Patton.

His first marriage was on Dec. 23, 1931, to Ella Marie Clark. She died July 3, 1966. His second marriage was to Maryetta Hyland Geese on Jan. 26, 1968. She survives.

Other survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Betty and Ed Witzenman, and Peggy and Robert Wetzel, all of Churubusco; one son, William H. and his wife Bonnie Patton of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; three stepdaughters, Cora Thomas, Coldwater, Mich., Arlene and James Anderson, Candler, Fla., and Mary Lou Hamilton, Hilliard, Ohio; two stepsons, James and Barbara Geese and John Geese, all of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Bert and Mary Jane Patton, Columbia City, and Horace Patton, Kentwood, Mich.; seven grandchildren; several stepgrandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and several stepgreat-grandchildren.

In addition to his first wife, he was preceded in death by a daughter, five brothers, one sister, and a great-granddaughter.

The funeral will be at 1 p.m., Tuesday, at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Edward H. Thompson, pastor of Good News Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will be Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice. Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Lelia Galloway

LIGONIER — Lelia Galloway, 83, died at 8:55 a.m., Friday, Sept. 21, 2001, in Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

She enjoyed reading and needlepoint. She was a Cromwell High School graduate. She was the past owner of Town Crier Gift and Card Shop in Ligonier.

She was born Feb. 14, 1918, in Bath County, Ky., to Arthur and Rose Alfrey Staton.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Kenneth Lee, who died in March, 1955, and Herbert Galloway, who died in Feb., 1975; and five brothers.

Survivors include a daughter, Janet and Ed Harper, Cromwell; one son, Jerry N. and Sandra Lee, Newburgh; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral is 10 a.m., Monday, in the Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Chris Dare officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is from 3 to 7 p.m. today in the funeral home.

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Violet Lewis

FORT WAYNE — Violet "Billie" Lewis, 76, died Friday, Sept. 21, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a self-employed beautician for six years. She graduated from Garrett High School and Warner Beauty College of Fort Wayne. She attended Garrett Baptist Church.

She was born Aug. 9, 1924, in Berlin, W.Va., to William C. and Leuetta D. (Graves) Montgomery.

Her husband, Beryl Lewis, preceded her in death.

Survivors include two sons, Arthur Gunion, Fort Wayne, and Clifford L. Gunion, Garrett; and three grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were her parents and one brother, Clarence Dennison.

Services are 2 p.m., Tuesday in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. Sid Short officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Monday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home, and for one hour prior to the funeral.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

George Close, Fremont council president, dies

FREMONT — George M. Close, 71, president of the Fremont Town Council, died Saturday, Sept. 22, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a retired plant manager in the truck industry. He was a member of the Fremont United Methodist Church where he was a member of the church choir. He was currently serving his second term on the Fremont Town Council and was its current president. He was also a former Fremont school board member. Other memberships include: Northeastern Lodge No. 210 F&AM of Fremont, Mizpah Temple of Fort Wayne, Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Wayne, and American Legion Cassel Post No. 257. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War.

He was born Feb. 25, 1930 in Auburn to Leonard LeRoy and Zoe Belle (Unthank) Close.

He married Janet Hadley on April 19, 1953 in Fremont. She survives.

Other survivors include three sons and two daughters-in-law, Doug and Teresa Close, Indianapolis, Jonathan and Paula Close, Libertyville, Ill., and Eric Close, Fort Wayne; one sister, Francis Armstrong, Cincinnati, Ohio; two brothers, Robert Close, Charlevoix, Mich., and LeRoy Close, New Port Richey, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating. Burial will be in Ray Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Fremont United Methodist Church.

Edwin Shidler

FORT WAYNE — Edwin L. Shidler, 72, died Friday, Sept. 21, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He worked as a printer for North American Van Lines when he retired in 1994 after 41 years of service.

He was born on Jan. 29, 1929, in Fort Wayne, to Fred and Pauline (Dunlap) Shidler.

Survivors include one daughter, Laura L. Spuller, St. Joe; two sons, Michael A. Shidler and Kendall J. Shidler, both of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Virginia Buckmaster and Margaret Bracht, both of Fort Wayne; one brother, Norman Shidler, Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren, Michael C. Shidler, Ashley D. Shidler, Matthew W. Spuller, Steven "Eddie" Spuller and Autumn J. B. Spuller.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Duane Shidler.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Memorials are to St. Joe River Greenway, c/o DeKalb County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 285, Auburn. Condolences may be sent to SympathyCBW@aol.com.

Francis Coon

KENDALLVILLE — Francis "Frank" Coon, 80, died Saturday, Sept. 22, 2001, at home.

Mr. Coon moved to Kendallville in 1993, after living first in Fort Wayne and then in Modesto, Calif. He was retired as an oven operator for General Electric and was a member of the First Christian Church in Kendallville.

He was born Feb. 8, 1921, in Pennville to Cleo and Edythe (Young) Coon. On July 11, 1940, in Portland, he married Sarah J. Oblinger, and she preceded him in death on Sept. 17, 1995.

Mr. Coon

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Peggy and Richard Anderson of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Gregg and Donna Coon of Columbia City; four granddaughters, Jacinda Carpenter and Susanna Harper of Modesto, Laurie Barton of Warsaw and Danielle Newnam of Fort Wayne; three grandsons, John Seifert of Modesto, Tim Coon of Warsaw and Chase Anderson of Kendallville; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Twin Hills Cemetery in Pennville, with the Rev. Thomas Clothier officiating. A memorial service will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at First Christian Church in Kendallville. Calling will be today from 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church Organ and Piano Fund or to the church building fund.

Mary Jane Ferrier

LAGRANGE — Mary Jane Ferrier, 73, died Friday, Sept. 21, 2001, at St. Vincent Hospital in Williamsport, Ind.

A homemaker, Mrs. Ferrier had lived in LaGrange before moving to Veedersburg, Ind.

She was born Oct. 30, 1927, in Angola, to James B. and Josie M. (Lock) McNabb. On Aug. 7, 1946, in LaGrange, she married Herbert Ferrier, and he preceded her in death in 1971.

Surviving are four daughters, Judy Barfell of Coldwater, Mich., Catherine Maiers of Hillsboro, Ind., Merilyn Gump of Quincy, Mich., and Shirley Kiger of Veedersburg; two sons, Hubert Ferrier of Michigan City and Ricky Ferrier of Veedersburg; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a brother, Donnie McNabb; and a sister, Bertha Richards.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Calling will be Tuesday from noon-1 p.m. Burial will be in Jackson Prairie Cemetery.

Vadas Putt

FORT WAYNE — Vadas Putt, 89, died Saturday, Sept. 22, 2001, at 10 p.m. in the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Putt was a laborer and a member of Christ United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne. She lived in Fort Wayne for 50 years.

She was born June 17, 1912, in Bluffton.

She married Collis Putt, who preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one niece, Lourelei Prior of Fort Wayne, a daughter-in-law, Judi Putt of Muncie; two great-nieces, Cindy Morrow of Angola and Marsha Fishbaugh of Virginia; one sister, Josephine Dishong of Rushville; four grandchildren, Fred, Ned and Cara Putt, and Kevin Grim; and two great-grandchildren, Ian Putt and Caitlin Grim.

She was preceded in death by one son, William "Bill" Putt, two brothers and six sisters.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. There will be no calling.

Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

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Harry Dewit

FORT WAYNE — Harry Dewit, 81, died Saturday, Sept. 22, 2001, at Lutheran Home.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville. He had retired as a custodian at First Christian Reformed Church in Evergreen Park, Ill., and was a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

He was born Feb. 4, 1920, in Chicago to Melle and Bertha (Steenyk) Dewit.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Carl Cichocki of Fort Wayne; two grandsons and their wives, Steven and Meg Amstein of Hoagland and Andrew and Jessica Amstein of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Anjean Kooiman of Frankfort, Ill.

A brother and a sister preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at Hornberg-Klein Funeral Home in Evergreen Park, Ill., with burial in Chapel Hill Gardens South, Worth, Ill.

Memorials are to Lutheran Home in Fort Wayne. Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur is in charge of arrangements.

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Vernon Yoder

MILLERSBURG — Vernon Lee Yoder, 45, of Summersville, Mo., died Monday, Sept. 24, 2001, at 5 a.m. at his daughter's Goshen home.

A self-employed carpenter and builder, he lived in Millersburg before moving to Sarasota, Fla., where he lived from 1990-1998. He then moved to Missouri. He was a member of Summersville Mennonite Church.

He was born March 17, 1945, in Centerville, Mich., to Mahlon and Mary (Yoder) Yoder. On June 5, 1965, in Goshen, he married Ida Carolyn Hochstetler, and she preceded him in death on July 16, 2000.

His mother and an infant daughter, Diane, are also deceased.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Mahlon and Anna Yoder of Sarasota; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Karen and Bill Porter of Russellville, Ky., Doris and DeVon Schrock of Goshen, Joyce and Philip Carpenter of Newmanstown, Pa., and Miriam Yoder of Summersville; four sons, Eugene Yoder of Goshen, Lavon and Gary Yoder of Sarasota and Matthew Yoder of Summersville; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Martha and Mose Coblentz and Laura and Maynard Hochstetler, all of Middlebury; seven brothers, Norman Yoder of Goshen, Kenneth and Alvin Yoder of Sarasota, Marvin Yoder of Dade City, Fla., Fred Yoder of Plane City, Ohio, David Yoder of Union, Mich., and Doug Yoder of Nappanee; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Woodlawn A.M. Church in Goshen, with Bishop Joe Weirich and Deacon Virgil Miller officiating. Calling will be today from 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the church.

Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in Goshen. Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

William Hildinger

HUDSON — William A. "Bill" Hildinger, 60, died early today, Sept. 25, 2001, in the emergency room of Cameron Community Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Vincent Hrabrich Sr.

CROWN POINT, Ind. — Vincent Hrabrich Sr., 89, died Saturday, Sept. 22, 2001.

He was the former owner and operator of Vincent's Barber Shop in East Chicago until 1987. He was a lifelong member of Holy Trinity Croation Church in Chicago and a member of the Croation Fraternal Union. He lived in Crown Point and formerly lived in East Chicago. He was an avid Chicago Cubs fan.

Surviving him are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Ann and Mike O'Neal of Angola and Barbara and Mike Potterfield of Carmel, Calif.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Vincent and Lois Hrabrich III of Whitewater, Wis., and Rick and Sue Hrabrich of Merrillville; a sister and brother-in-law, Margaret and Andy Kirk of Merrillville; eight grandchildren, two great-grandsons, many nieces and nephews, and his good friend, Joe Zarkovich of Chicago.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Anna Rogina Hrabrich; a sister, Mary Kvenich; two brothers, Emerick and Frank, his parents, Vincent and Antonia Hrabrich, and a grandson.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of Consolation Church, with the Rev. Joseph E. Vamos officiating. A prayer service will be held Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. in Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point. Entombment will be in Calumet Park Mausoleum.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Russell Reynolds

BRYAN, Ohio — Russell E. Reynolds, 86, died Sunday, Sept. 23, 2001, in Community Hospital-Williams County in Bryan.

Mr. Reynolds was a district manager of the Ohio Bureau of State Employment Service and a farmer. He also was a Prudential Life insurance agent and and ordained minister with the Oden Community Church in Oden, Mich. He graduated from the University of Toledo and Calvary Bible School, and attended Western Michigan University. He also attended First Brethren Church in Bryan and was a past president of the Christian Business Men's Committee.

He was born July 4, 1915, in Greenville, Mich., to Charles E. and Flossie L. (Hughes) Reynolds.

He married Doris M. Seger on Sept. 4, 1942, and she died Oct. 19, 1995.

Surviving him are two daughters and sons-in-law, Cheryl and James Clark of Fremont, Ohio, and Jane and Allen Wendt of Perrysburg, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Diane Reynolds of Waterloo; a sister and brother-in-law, Edith and Harold Strobridge of Grand Rapids, Mich.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in the First Brethren Church in Bryan, with Pastor Tom Goossens and Pastor Troy Cummins officiating. Burial will be in Shiffler Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. in Rice Funeral Home, Bryan.

Memorials are to Community Hospital-Williams County Hospice Program.

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John Ridgway

AUBURN — John Kenneth "Kenny" Ridgway, 84, died Monday, Sept. 24, 2001, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Ridgway retired in 1979 from Cooper Tire and also worked with his father at Ridgway & Son Well Drilling. He formerly lived in St. Joe and was a World War II veteran.

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in St. Joe and a former member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Post 240 in Avilla.

He was born Nov. 4, 1916, in St. Joe to Derwood B. and Callie (Wineland) Ridgway.

Surviving are three sons and one daughter-in-law, John Scott Ridgway of Chicago, Michael Ridgway of Bowling Green, Ohio, and David and Michelle Ridgway of Columbus, Ohio; a stepson, Nick Westrick of Angola; a stepdaughter, Susan Haynes of Mount Sterling, Ky.; and three sisters, Janice Hollabaugh of Spencerville, June Baker of St. Joe and Jean Sicks of Auburn.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church in St. Joe. Condolences may be sent to SympathyCBW@aol.com.

William Biddle

FORT WAYNE — William M. "Bill" Biddle, 70, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Sept. 22, 2001, at home in Chipley, Fla.

He was born in Fort Wayne and worked as a heavy equipment mechanic for the city of Palm Bay, Fla., for 11 years. He had also worked at Dana Corp. and for 25 years for the city of Fort Wayne as a heavy equipment operator and mechanic for the fire department. He was a Korean War Marine Corps veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Leah; a daughter, Nanette Taylor of Bonifay, Fla.; three grandchildren; two sisters, Gloria Biddle and Patricia Franke, both of Angola; and two brothers, James of Fort Wayne and Jeron of Angola.

Graveside services will be held at a later date. There will be no calling. Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, First Presbyterian Church of Chipley, Fla., or Palm Bay Professional Firefighters Local 2446 of Palm Bay, Fla. Brown Funeral Home in Chipley is in charge of arrangements.

Ivah Deihl

KENDALLVILLE — Ivah L. Deihl, 85, died today at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville. Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home.

Laurice Drushal

ANGOLA — Laurice Elaine "Reece" Drushal, 48, died Sunday, Sept. 23, 2001, in Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

She was a metal analyst and head inspector at Zolox Corp. in Fort Wayne. She lived in Angola and formerly lived in Huntington for several years. She graduated from Ball State University.

She played golf for the Sunset League and the Lake James League, and was the 2000 women's champion in both leagues.

She was born April 27, 1953, in Angola to Kenneth and Willa Lee (Burch) Drushal. They survive in Angola.

Also surviving are two sisters and one brother-in-law, Kathy Lee Etheridge of Angola and Deborah Kay and Lonnie Chiddister, also of Angola; two nieces and one nephew, four great-nephews and her faithful cat, Buddy.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice, the Steuben County Cancer Society or Steuben County Humane Society.

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Lloyd Christlieb

GARRETT — Lloyd Franklin Christlieb, 95, died Sunday, Sept. 23, 2001, at 3:30 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Christlieb was a farmer and self-employed construction worker, retiring from construction in 1975. He lived in Garrett and was a member of the Butler Church of Christ.

He was born Sept. 28, 1905, in Paulding County, Ohio, to Joseph and Sarah (Roe) Christlieb.

He married Myrel Heck, who died in 1952. He then married Esther Jensen, who died in 1988.

Surviving are four sons, Dale Christlieb of Florida, Richard Christlieb of Provo, Utah, Melvin Christlieb of Las Vegas, Nev., and Ted Christlieb of Angola; two daughters, Virginia Swartz of Garrett and Carol Greer of Cheyenne, Wyo.; several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Six brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Frank Weller officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler Church of Christ.

Rodney Wilson

BUTLER — Rodney DeWayne Wilson, 40, died suddenly Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2001, at his home in Butler.

He was an employee of Dura Manufacturing in Butler and a member of Fairview Baptist Church in Booneville, Miss. He was an avid NASCAR and football fan. He formerly lived in Booneville.

Mr. Wilson was born May 5, 1961, in Butler. He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Janet and Tom Wiggenton of Booneville, and his father and stepmother, Charles and Peggy Wilson of Iuka; Miss.

Also surviving are two children, April Wilson of Booneville and Rodney D. Wilson II of Corinth, Miss.; four brothers, Randy Wilson of Matthews, Mo., Ricky Wilson of Wheeter, Miss., Leonard Wilson of Tupelo, Miss., and Jeff Wilson of Marietta; his grandmother, Nora Wilson of Iuka; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a grandfather, Nim Wilson, and grandparents Donald and Lydia Gorman.

Services were held Sunday in Booneville Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Pete McCoy and Brother Buddy Marshall officiating. Burial was in New Lebanon Cemetery.

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Homer J. Owen

ALBION-Homer J. Owen, 87, well-known Noble County farmer and a resident of rural Albion, died at 11:50 a.m. Tuesday, September 18, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. He was taken to the hospital on Saturday evening after becoming ill at his residence in Jefferson Township.

Mr. Owen was born in Green Township in Noble County on March 6, 1914, a son of Otis and Maggie Diffendarfer Owen. He was educated in the rural Noble County schools, and spent all of his formative years on the family farm in Green Township.

On September 15, 1934 he was married in Whitley County to Sarah A. Gaff, and lived all of his married in life in Noble County.

Engaged in farming all of his life, he retired from dairy farming in 1978. He also enjoyed buying, selling, and training horses.

Mr. Owen was a member of the Trinty United Methodist Church in Albion.

Mrs. Owen preceded him in death on September 4, 1998.

The surviving relatives include three sons and daughters-in-law Darryl and Barbara Owen, and Jack and Jane Owen, all of Albion, and Dennis and Wanda Owen of Lafayette; three daughters and sons-in-law Kay and Wilbur Freeman of Marion, Janice and Dale Geiger of Columbia City, and Joyce and Richard Caskey of Ligonier; and two sisters Viva (Mrs. Harold "Pete") Harlan, and Ruth Ott, both of Albion.

There are 21 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters Hazel Wilson, Clara Boggs, and Mildred Gross; and by two grandsons Terry Lee Freeman, and Shane DeWayne Owen.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Brenda Ginder, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, officiating.

Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Shriner's Children's Hospital, Chicago.

Condolences may be emailed to the family in care of sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

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Wyman Wert

KENDALLVILLE — Wyman L. Wert, 66, died Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2001, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a truck driver for over 30 years, retiring from International Wire in Kendallville last year. An avid hunter, he was a U.S. Army veteran and a 1954 Kendallville High School graduate.

He was born April 13, 1935, to Ian M. and Maxine E. (Lehner) Wert.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Wes and Paula Wert of Kendallville; a stepdaughter, Tina Phillips, and a stepson, LeRoy Robinson, both of Springfield, Ill.; a brother, Greg Wert of rural Kendallville; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Hope and Ike Gaerte of Albion and Martha Gamble of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Jonathan, Justin, Bailee and Maegan Wert and Shelby Wainwright; and several nieces and nephews.

His parents, a brother, Larry Wert, and a sister, Deanna Wert, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

Ignacio Molina

KENDALLVILLE — Ignacio M. Molina, 62, died Saturday, Sept. 22, 2001.

He worked at County Line Cheese in Auburn for 14 years.

He was born April 17, 1939, to Florentino and Soledad (Maldonado) Molina in San Miguel, Mexico.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Maria Molina of Anniston, Ala., and Kelly and Corey Smith of Kendallville; two sons, Matthew Molina, serving in the U.S. Army at Fort Campbell, Ky., and Tivis Molina, of Avilla; a brother, Florentino, of Auburn; five sisters, Romana Sanchez, Christina Grimaldy and Soledad Gonzalez, all of Mexico, Esther Vasquez of Fort Wayne and Consuella Salcedo of Utah; and two grandchildren, Kristin and Kyle Smith of Kendallville.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Calling will be Thursday from 9-11 a.m. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Mildred Greiser

KENDALLVILLE — Mildred Rebecca Greiser, 96, died today, Sept. 26, 2001, at 2:45 a.m. at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. With her husband, she founded the Second Time Around Club at the Youth Center in Kendallville. She also worked as a tour guide at the Gene Stratton-Porter Memorial in Rome City and for the YMCA in Fort Wayne. She was a Decatur High School graduate and moved to Kendallville in 1964.

Mrs. Greiser

She was born in Decatur on March 23, 1905, to Amos and Nellie (Dutcher) Fisher. On Oct. 12, she married Herbert John Greiser at Simpson United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 11, 1975. A sister, Florence Cross, is also deceased.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Paul Glass of Kendallville; three granddaughters and their husbands, Paula and Karl Steiner of Crystal Lake, Ill., and Elizabeth Ann and Gregg Barnard and JoEllen and Brian DeCamp, all of Kendallville; and eight great-grandchildren, Meghan and Abigail Steiner, Ian and Evan Barnard and Brianna, Claire, Paige and Kathryn DeCamp.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at First Christian Church in Kendallville, with the Rev. Thomas Clothier officiating. Calling will be Friday from 5-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Albion.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill.

Ruby Myers

WATERLOO — Ruby L. Myers, 85, died Monday, Sept. 24, 2001, in the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Myers retired in 1976 after working for 21 years as a clerk-cashier at Sutton's Super Market in Waterloo. She was a 63-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Waterloo, and an active member of Waterloo United Methodist Church, where she was a Sunday school teacher and a member of the Ladies Circle.

She was born in Butler on Sept. 1, 1916, to Frank and Elsie (Jackson) Wise.

Her husband, Vern H. Myers, preceded her in death in 1986.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dale and Patricia Myers of Elkhart, Allen and Patricia Myers of Woodburn; a brother, Raymond Wise of Mount Morris, Ill.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Gerald and Lloyd Wise, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4:30 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home. The Ashley-Waterloo Order of the Eastern Star of will conduct a service tonight at 7.

Memorials are to the relief fund for the fire and police departments of New York City.

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William Hildinger

HUDSON — William A. "Bill" Hildinger, 60, died Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2001, at 5:03 a.m. in Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Hildinger lived at Lake of the Woods in rural Hudson. He worked at Collins Olds for 20 years in the body shop and lived in rural Hudson for 30 years. He was owner and operator of Hildinger Property and Auto Damage Appraisal for the past 10 years.

He was an avid NASCAR fan and sponsored the HDA Racing Team. He was a member of Lake of the Woods Association.

He was born May 1, 1941, in Fort Wayne to William and Lois (Brudi) Hildinger. His mother survives in Garrett and his father preceded him in death.

His companion, Judith K. Schnurr, died in 1999.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Toby Hildinger of Miami, Fla., Pam and Mike Schieber of Ashley, and Jennifer and John Sproat of Fort Wayne; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Bob and Rikki Schnurr of Monroe, Mich., Anthony and Pam Schnurr of Indianapolis, and Donald Schnurr of Fort Wayne; one brother, Lou Hildinger of Indianapolis; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson. The Rev. Ken Ludwig will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Ivah Deihl

KENDALLVILLE — Ivah Lucille Deihl, 85, died Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mrs. Deihl

She and her husband owned and operated Deihl's Sporting Goods Store from 1951-1975. She was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist.

She was born April 25, 1916, in Kendallville to Joseph and Elsie (Owen) Hockenbarger. On Nov. 29, 1936, she married Ford Deihl in Auburn, and he preceded her in death on May 4. A brother, John, and a sister, Agnes Hornett, are also deceased.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Leona and Rex Patterson of Helmer; and a brother and sister-in-law, Franklin and Betty Hockenbarger of Kendallville.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at Trinity Church United Methodist, with the Rev. Dr. David Hogsett and the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. There will be no calling. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Osie LaRowe

AUBURN — Osie LaRowe, 97, died Monday, Sept. 24, 2001, at 8:30 p.m. at Wesley Health Care Center in Auburn.

Mrs. LaRowe was a homemaker and a member of the Concord United Methodist Church.

She was born Feb. 16, 1904, in Continental, Ohio, to Charlie and Mary (Dickey) Berryhill.

She married William D. LaRowe on Oct. 1, 1925, in DeKalb County. He died May 23, 1991.

Surviving are three daughters, Betty Houser of Auburn, Joanne Dulle of Auburn and Nila Honaker of Thompkinsville, Ky.; one brother, Chester Berryhill of Warren; 13 grandchildren, nine stepgrandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Joyce Morr, two sisters: Mable Carper and Audrey Morr, and two brothers: Floyd and Russell Berryhill.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Barbara Cross officiating.

Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Burial will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials are to the Concord United Methodist Church.

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Elpha Wright

DANVILLE — Elpha I. "Toni" Wright, 79, of Danville, formerly of Angola, died Monday, Sept. 24, 2001, as a result of an automobile accident on U.S. 36 in Avon.

Mrs. Wright was a receptionist-clerk for eight years at Indiana Green Thumb of Hendricks County Community Action, retiring earlier this year. She was catering manager at Pokagon State Park in Angola for nine years, as well as catering manager at several local restaurants in the Terre Haute area for many years.

She was born April 20, 1922, in Shepardsville, to James and Velma (Shores) Hargraves.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Otis Stanley Barnhart.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara Tuttle of Danville and Sharon Rodich of Colorado; one son, David Barnhart of Texas; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at the Weaver & Randolph Funeral Home in Danville, with the Rev. Tom Stepanski officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery in Terre Haute.

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Mildred Hartman

KENDALLVILLE — Mildred M. Hartman, 81, died Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

A 1941 graduate of Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing in Evansville, she worked as a registered nurse at McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville for over 20 years, retiring in 1981. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Garrett, the Alter Guild of the church and Aid Association for Lutherans.

She was born June 27, 1920, in Indianapolis to Henry August and Anna Henrietta (Lampe) Mertz. On Aug. 13, 1944, in Evansville, she married Ralph Robert Hartman, and he preceded her in death on June 18, 2000. A brother, Richard Mertz, died in August 1990.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Elaine and James Beltz of Fort Wayne, Lorna Hartman of Defiance, Ohio, Barbara and the Rev. Nathan Rasti of Vincennes and Beth and Jeff Becker of Leesburg; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Richard Hartman of Williamsburg, Va., Kenneth and Colleen Hartman of Helmer and Curtis and Anna Hartman of Auburn; a sister, Lorette Stegeman of Yuma, Ariz.; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Garrett, with the Rev. Herbert Schumm officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church.

Monroe Carney

LAGRANGE — Monroe E. Carney, 50, died Sunday, Sept. 23, 2001, at Lockefield Village in Indianapolis.

A former LaGrange resident, Mr. Carney was a security guard in Indianapolis, where he was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He graduated from Lakeland High School in 1970, and attended classes at Indiana-Purdue University at Indianapolis.

He was born Dec. 29, 1950, in LaGrange to John R. and Lulu Mae Carney. His mother survives.

Also surviving are a brother, John Philip Carney of Brownsburg; two nephews, Bill and Bob Carney, also of Brownsburg; and a niece and her husband, Sheila and Jason Damron of Bloomington.

His father preceded him in death in 1992.

Memorial services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Indianapolis, with calling from noon-2 p.m.

Services will also be held in LaGrange Saturday at 3 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, with Associate Bishop Lowell Tinsmeyer and Steve Malone officiating for both services. Calling will be at the funeral home Saturday from 1-3 p.m. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to the World Trade Center Police Disaster Relief Fund at NYSFOP Foundation, WTC Police Disaster Fund, 911 Police Plaza, Hicksville, N.Y. 11801.

Raymond Hauck

WEST LAFAYETTE — Raymond C. Hauck, 70, died Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2001, at 1:30 a.m. in St. Elizabeth Medical Center at Lafayette.

Mr. Hauck worked in advertising. He had lived in West Lafayette for 10 years and resided at the Indiana Veterans Home there. He formerly lived in Garrett.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and member of American Legion Post 178 in Garrett.

He was born Jan. 1, 1931, in Garrett to William and Sadie (McAllister) Hauck.

Surviving are his sister, Beatrice Best of Florida; three nieces and their spouses, Anna and Curtis Hartman of Auburn, Elizabeth and Dale Rakestraw of Hamilton, and Cecelia Detzel of Maryland; five nephews and their wives, Art and Sue Gael of Florida, Alan and Marsha Gael of Fort Wayne, Marvin and Judy Gael of Butler, Jerry and Winnie Best of Michigan, and Gene and Cassie Best of Michigan.

A brother, William Hauck Jr., and a sister, Gertrude Gael, preceded him in death.

Military graveside services will be held Saturday at 4 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett, with the Rev. Herbert Schumm officiating.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 178 or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Linda Stahl

CORUNNA — Linda M. Stahl, 55, died Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2001, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a homemaker and worked at Albright's grocery store in Corunna.

Mrs. Stahl was born Feb. 5, 1946, in Auburn. Her husband, Syrene F. Stahl, preceded her in death in 1997.

Surviving her are one daughter, Suzanne M. Mosley of Corunna; a son, Jeffrey R. Stahl of Corunna; and a brother, Steve A. Leins of Corunna.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Thomas L. Leins; and a sister, Lois Collins.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Corunna Cemetery. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the family.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

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Mary Braden

FORT WAYNE — Mary C. Braden, 69, died Thursday, Sept. 27, 2001, at 11:15 p.m. in her home.

Mrs. Braden was a lifelong Fort Wayne resident and an avid volunteer. She was a charter member of the Foellinger-Freimann Conservateers, formed in 1984, and a volunteer Ambassador at the Embassy Theatre.

Mrs. Braden

She was born in Fort Wayne on April 11, 1932, to John and Mabel (Golden) Kensill.

She married Robert D. Braden on July 26, 1952. He survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet S. and Pat O'Connor, and Julie A. and Jeff Johnson, all of Fort Wayne; one brother, Charles E. Kensill of Angola; and three grandchildren, Mary C. Connor, Alex R. Matteson and Kyle M. Johnson.

A brother and sister, Joan Poer and Robert Kensill, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11:45 a.m. in Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 3425 Crescent Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery on Wallen Road. A luncheon will be held at the church following the burial.

Memorials to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are by Hockemeyer-Miller Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

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Hazel Stroman

KENDALLVILLE — Hazel L. Stroman, 96, died Saturday, Sept. 29, 2001, at 3:25 a.m. in the Shepherd of the Hill nursing home. She had resided there for the past four months. She had been a resident of the Lamplighter since 1989.

Mrs. Stroman

Mrs. Stroman retired from Kendallville's J.C. Penney store in 1970 after 25 years of service. She and her husband, Doyne, started Stroman Electronics in Kendallville in 1945 with Mrs. Stroman as president. Currently the store is owned and operated by her son and daughter, Darol Stroman and Sue Huff.

She was a 1923 graduate of Kendallville High School and a member of First Christian Church, where she was baptized in 1921. She also was involved in the Golden Circle Sunday School class, the Ladies' Aid and the Second Time Around Social/Travel Club. She also belonged to card-playing clubs through the years.

She was born on the Poppy Homestead in Noble County on Sept. 27, 1905, to Charles Poppy and Effie Sawyer.

She married Doyne Emerick Stroman on June 22, 1929, in Angola. He died in February 1956.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Darol and Karen Stroman of Kendallville; a daughter, Sue Huff of Kendallville; a brother, Harold Poppy of Kendallville, five grandchildren and their spouses, Cathy and Michael Pratrick of Kentwood, Mich., Brad Huff of Kremmling, Colo., Scott and Sue Stroman of London, England, Dr. Steven and Patty Stroman of Green Bay, Wis., and Kimberley and Jim Williams of Kendallville; and 13 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Luella Newman.

Visitation will be held Monday from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Thomas Clothier officiating. Burial will be at the Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials are to First Christian Church Building Fund.

Florence A. Buirley

CROMWELL — Florence A. Buirley, 80, died Saturday, Sept. 29, 2001, at 5 a.m. at her home at Knapp Lake, Cromwell. She had been in failing health since February.

Mrs. Buirley lived in Fort Wayne until 1982, when she moved to Cromwell. While in Fort Wayne, she was employed at the Fort Wayne License Bureau and American Federal Savings and Loan.

She was a member of Broadway Christian Church, served on the Fort Wayne Community Schools Board and Fort Wayne Public Library Board, and served as a committee chairwoman of the national Democratic Party.

She was born May 21, 1921, in Fort Wayne to Albert and Margaret (Wills) Browning.

She married Richard E. Buirley on Oct. 19, 1940, in Fort Wayne. He died Aug. 17, 2000.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ron Buirley of Fort Wayne and Kenneth E. and Toi Buirley of Cromwell; a sister, Mary K. Banks of Clearwater, Fla.; and one grandchild.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Francis Browning.

Calling hours are 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Services are Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Lee Belleman of Broadway Christian Church officiating. Burial will be at Thorn Cemetery in Ormas.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Rick Streb

KENDALLVILLE — Rick Alan Streb, 53, died Friday, Sept. 28, 2001, at his place of employment, the Lamplighter, after a sudden illness.

Mr. Streb

Mr. Streb graduated from Kendallville High School in 1965 and had been a maintenance worker at the Lamplighter for 12 years.

He was born Nov. 8, 1947, in Kendallville to Charles Streb and Virginia (Cunningham) Streb Houser, who preceded him in death.

Surviving are his daughter, Tammy Streb of Kendallville, his companion, Kris Davidson of Kendallville, his companion's son and daughter, Krystal Davidson and Derek Davidson, both of Kendallville, and his companion's grandson, Devin Davidson. Also surviving are two sisters, Kelly North of Alaska and Chareen Rigsby of Kendallville, and two brothers, Steve Streb and Paul Streb, both of Missouri.

Viewing will be held Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker of Trinity Church United Methodist officiating. Burial will be at the Lake View Cemetery.

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Mary Braden

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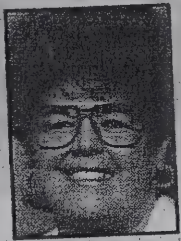
Mrs. Braden was a lifelong Fort Wayne resident and an avid volunteer. She was a charter member of the Foellinger-Freimann Conservateers, formed in 1984, and a volunteer Ambassador at the Embassy Theatre.


Mrs. Braden

She was born in Fort Wayne on April 11, 1932, to John and Mabel (Golden) Kensill.

She married Robert D. Braden on July 26, 1952. He survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are a son, Jeff, of Burbank, Calif.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet S. and Pat O'Connor, and Julie A. and Jeff Johnson, all of Fort Wayne; one brother, Charles E. Kensill of Angola; and three grandchildren, Mary C. Connor, Alex R. Matteson and Kyle M. Johnson.

A brother and sister, Joan Poer and Robert Kensill, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11:45 a.m. in Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 3425 Crescent Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery on Wallen Road. A luncheon will be held at the church following the burial.

Calling is today from noon to 7 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice, Cancer Services of Allen County and Holy Cross Stephen Ministry.

Bertha M. Gilbert

LAGRANGE — Bertha M. Gilbert, 104, of LaGrange and formerly of Milford, died Friday, Sept. 28, 2001, in LaGrange.

A Milford native, she earned a bachelor's degree from the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. She taught piano for almost 60 years and was a member of Bethel Church of the Brethren in Milford.

Surviving are a daughter, Alyce McKenzie of LaGrange; a stepson, Art of North Manchester; three grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren, five great-grandchildren and six stepgreat-granchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Pearle Wehrly and Arthur Gilbert, and two sisters.

Services are Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home in Milford.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. Monday. Burial will be at Milford Cemetery.

Memorials are to Camp Mack or Gideons.

Dorothy Holt

ANGOLA — Dorothy Jane (Murray) Holt, 82, died Saturday, Sept. 29, 2001, at her home in Angola.

Mrs. Holt had worked as a waitress. She was born in Logan County, W. Va. on July 27, 1919, to James and Sara (Rankin) Murray.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Holt of Chicago; two sons, Simms Elam and Larry Elam, both of Fort Wayne; five daughters, Shirley Damron of Henrietta, Texas, Shelly Conley of Okinawa, Japan, and Margie Watson, Carol Hernandez and Judy Stevens, all of Angola; one brother, Walter Murray of St. Augustine, Fla.; two sisters, Drurie Mounts of West Virginia and Sonjia Marrs of May Meadows, Va.; 17 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Kelly Elam; her first husband, William G. Elam, in 1990; three sisters and two brothers.

Visitation hours will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice in Angola.

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Joy Schmidt

CHURUBUSCO — Joy A. Schmidt, 66, of rural Churubusco, died Saturday, Sept. 29, 2001, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She earned a nursing certificate from Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne and worked as a nurse at Parkview Hospital for 15 years, retiring in 1994. She was a member of St. John Bosco Church in Churubusco, and enjoyed crafts projects.

Mrs. Schmidt

She was born Jan. 7, 1935, in Sebree, Ky., to Matt and Effie Littlepage Sellers. A graduate of Evansville Reitz High School, she married Paul A. Schmidt on Feb. 11, 1956, in San Diego, Calif. The couple moved to Churubusco from Lostant, Ill., in 1973.

Surviving are her husband; three daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Mike Boyd of Raton, N.M., Vicki and Chris Andreas of Columbia City and Nancy and Jim Ritchie of Fort Wayne; three sons and a daughter-in-law, William Schmidt of Elkhart and Jim A. Schmidt and John and Jeri Schmidt, all of Churubusco; two brothers and sisters-in-law, William and Betty Sellers of Mount Vernon and Donald and Kay Sellers of Indianapolis; seven sisters and two brothers-in-law, Faye Dority, Helen Cox, Nina Jean Sellers, Sue and Jerry Reid, Mary Lou Ludden and Wanda and Ted North, all of Evansville, and Jane McBroom of Indianapolis; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

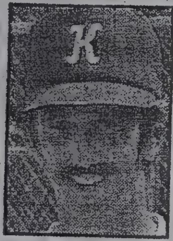
A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco, with Father Danney Pinto officiating. Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, with a rosary recited at 8 p.m. Burial will be in Ege Catholic Cemetery in Noble County.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Allen Sprague

LIGONIER — Allen Gene Sprague, 48, died Sunday, Sept. 30, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A lifelong Ligonier and Kimmell area resident, he graduated from West Noble High School and was an avid Indiana University basketball fan. He coached Little League in Kimmell for 26 years, and was treasurer for the Noble-LaGrange Quarter/Half-Pint League. He was also a licensed baseball umpire for the Indiana High School Athletic Association. He was a member and past president of the Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club, and worked at Reid's NAPA Auto Parts in Ligonier. He enjoyed bowling.



Mr. Sprague

He was born Sept. 28, 1953, in LaGrange, to Adrian J. and Orpha M. (Weade) Sprague.

Surviving are four brothers and a sister-in-law, Richard Sprague of Auburn, Roger Sprague of Ligonier and Harold, Stanley and Christina Sprague, all of Fort Wayne; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Darlene Sprague of Ligonier and Marlene and Leroy Rupert of Kendallville; and his fiance, Karen Richendollar of Ligonier.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Trinity Assembly of God in Ligonier, with the Rev. Bill Parks officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Memorials are to Kimmell Baseball Association.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Mildred R. Greiser** were held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Kendallville, with the Rev. Thomas Clothier officiating. Burial was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Kendallville.

Pallbearers were Paul Glass, Karl Steiner, Ian and Gregg Barnard, Brian DeCamp and Jack Frederick. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

GARRETT — Services for **Mildred M. Hartman** were held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Zion Lutheran Church in Garrett, with the Rev. Herbert Schumm officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Pallbearers were Mark Beltz, Joe, Matt and Adam Hartman, Chris Becker and Jim Deetz. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Memorial services for **Francis C. Coon** were held Saturday at First Christian Church in Kendallville, with the Rev. Thomas Clothier officiating. Burial was in Twin Hills Cemetery in Pennville.

Pallbearers were Tim Coon, Chase Anderson, Jeff Newman, Ted Barton, Richard Anderson and Howard Schmidt.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

CROMWELL — Services for **David L. Teel**, 64, of Cromwell, were held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Tom Wiegand officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Pallbearers were Anthony, Byron and Pat Dooley, Kevin Davidsen and Gary and Alan Teel.

Bring's Broadway Chapel in Tucson is in charge of arrangements.

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